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SOME TIME AGO, THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS DISCOVERED AN ANCIENT MOBIAN ENCASED IN ICE.



THEY BROUGHT HIM BACK TO KNOTHOLE VILLAGE AND REVIVED HIM... BUT "MOBIE", AS THEY CALLED HIM, WAS A BEING OUT OF TIME!

GROWL

SMASH!



REALIZING THAT "MOBIE" WAS AN ARTIST, THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS LEARNED HOW TO COMMUNICATE WITH HIM...

SEE? WE'RE FRIENDS?



...AND FOUND A HOME FOR THEIR NEW-FOUND FRIEND IN THE MOBIAN JUNGLE! HERE HE'S LIVED HAPPILY...

...BUT NOW, THAT'S ABOUT TO CHANGE...

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

GUERRILLA THRILLER

PART I

HAS GOT TO BE
TOLD ABOUT THIS...
BEFORE IT'S TOO
LATE!

BUT, DOCTOR ROBOTNIK,
MANY OF YOUR ENEMIES ARE
HIDING IN THE MOBIAN JUNGLE!
IT'S IMPERATIVE THAT WE
ESTABLISH A COMMAND
CENTER THERE!

SNIVELY, YOU
IDIOT! YOU KNOW
HOW I HATE THE
JUNGLE...

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WITH ITS HOT, HUMID TEMPER-
ATURES AND ALL THOSE PLANTS AND
VINES SURROUNDING YOU AND
THE WILD ANIMALS WATCHING YOU...
AND...AND...

SIR, I
GUARANTEE
YOU WON'T
HAVE TO SET
FOOT INSIDE
THE JUNGLE...

"THE ECO-
DESTROYER
WILL DO ALL
THE WORK!"



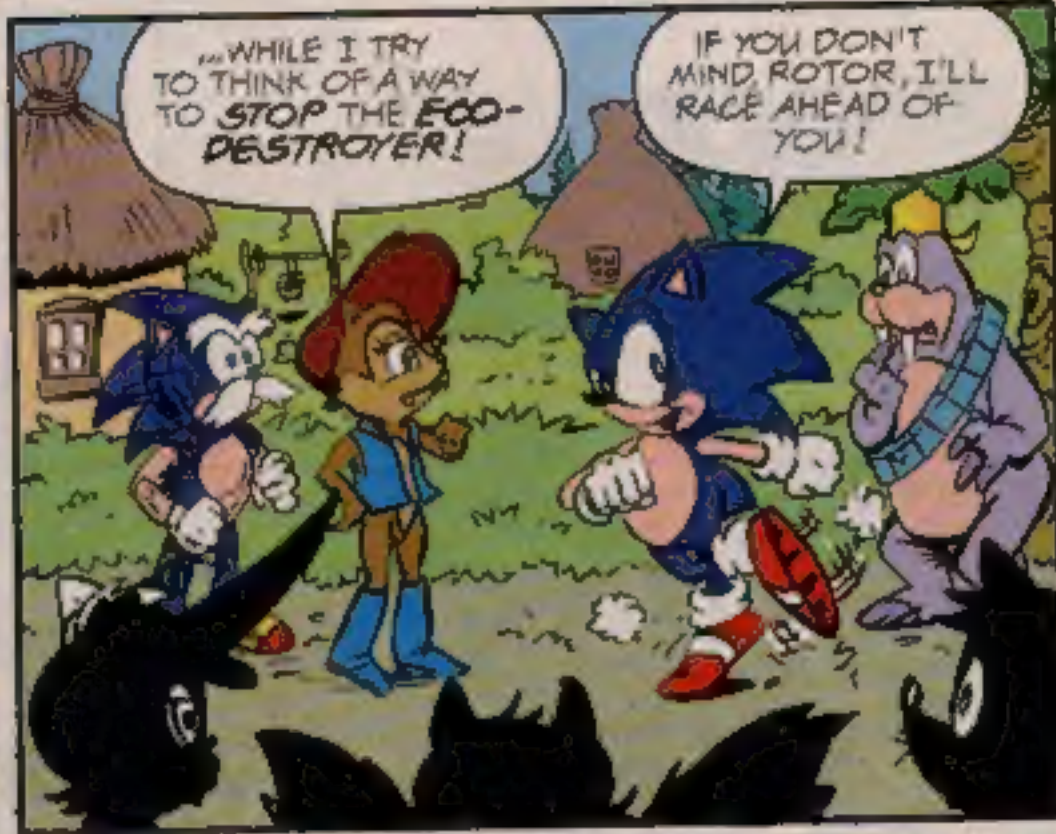
SOON, IN
KNOTHOLE...

...ROBOTNIK HAS A PSYCHO-
LOGICAL FEAR OF THE JUNGLE, BUT
SNIVELY HAS PROMISED TO CONQUER
IT FOR HIM! WE'VE GOT TO WARN
MOBIE AND THE OTHER JUNGLE
INHABITANTS!

YOU HEARD
UNCLE CHUCK,
EVERYONE...

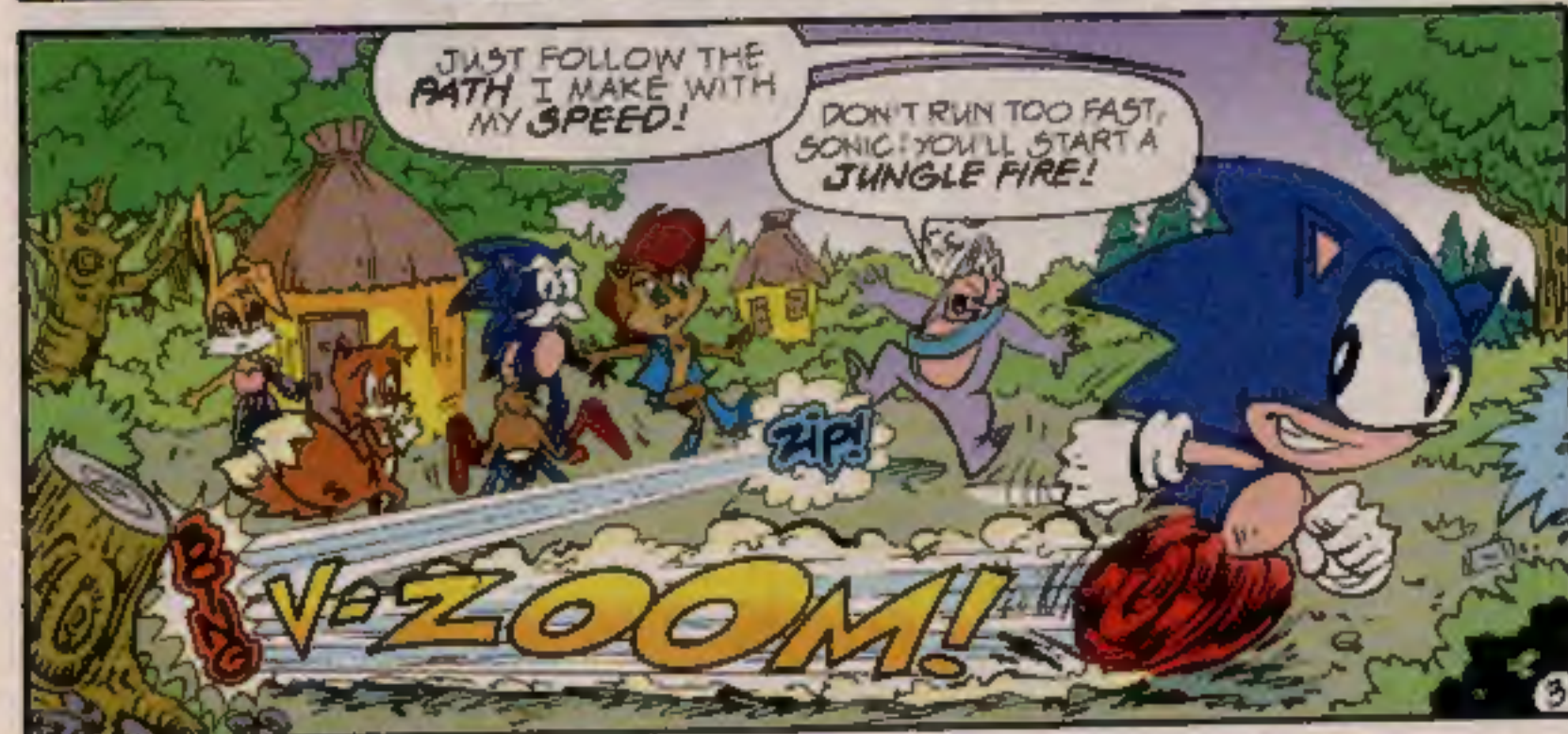


SPLIT UP INTO TEAMS
OF TWO AND GET THE
JUNGLE DWELLERS TO
MOVE DEEPER INTO
THE JUNGLE...



...WHILE I TRY
TO THINK OF A WAY
TO STOP THE ECO-
DESTROYER!

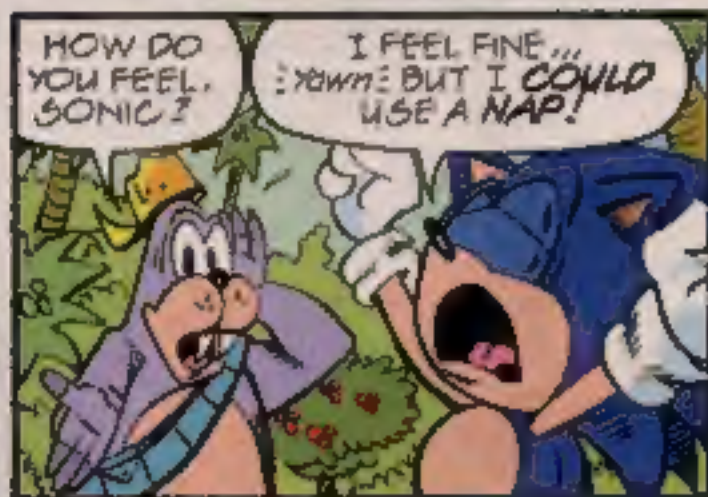
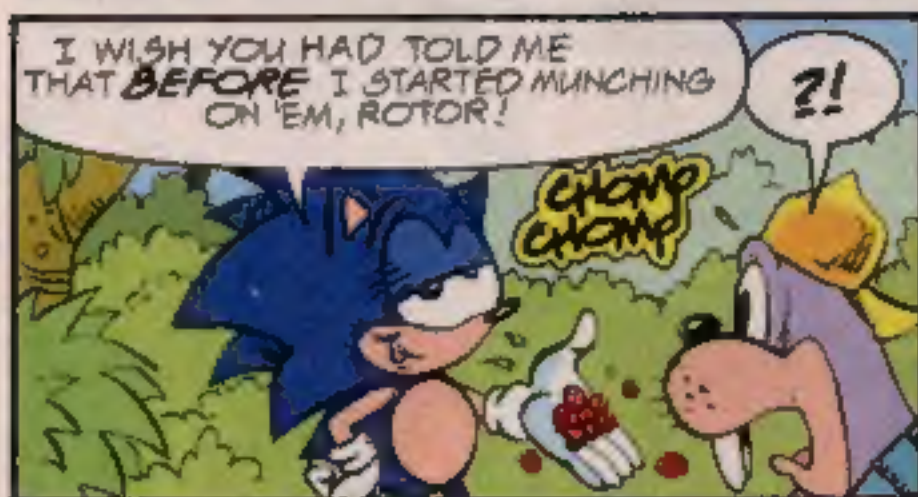
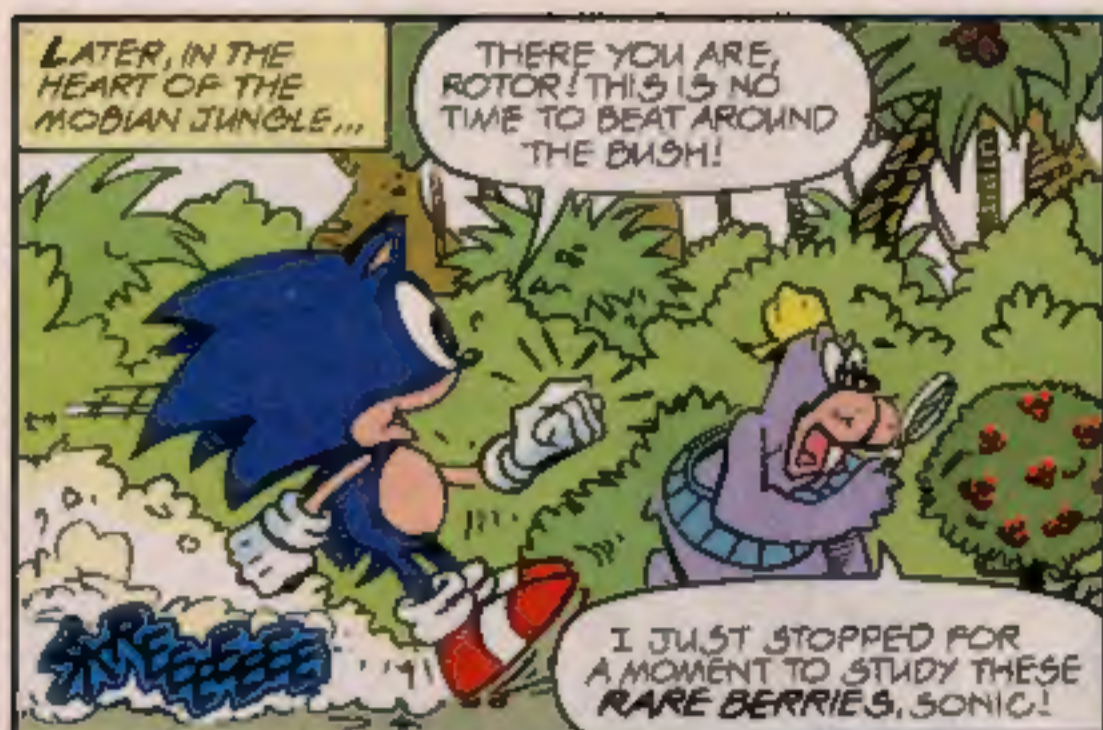
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MIND ROTOR, I'LL
RACE AHEAD OF
YOU!

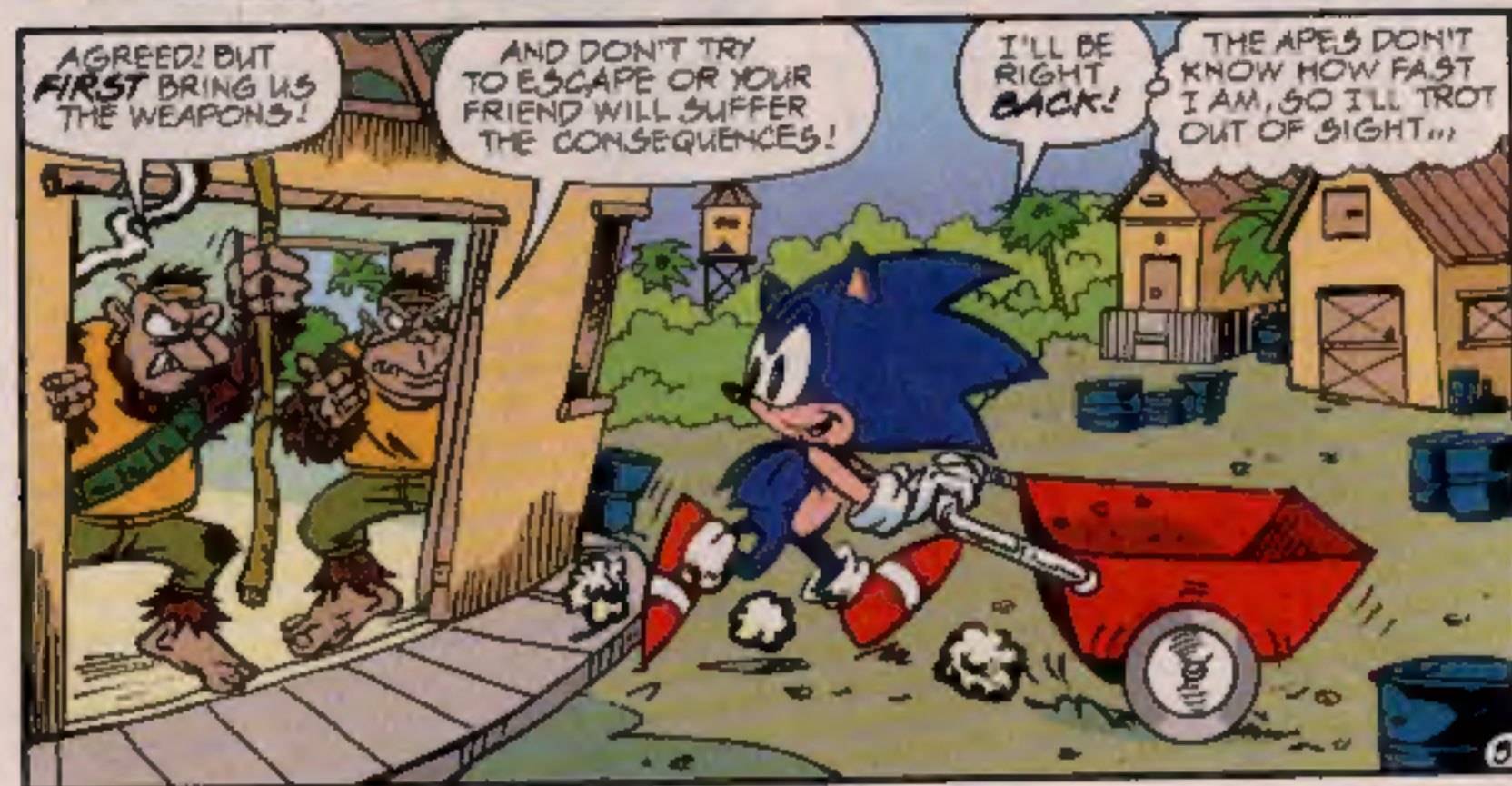


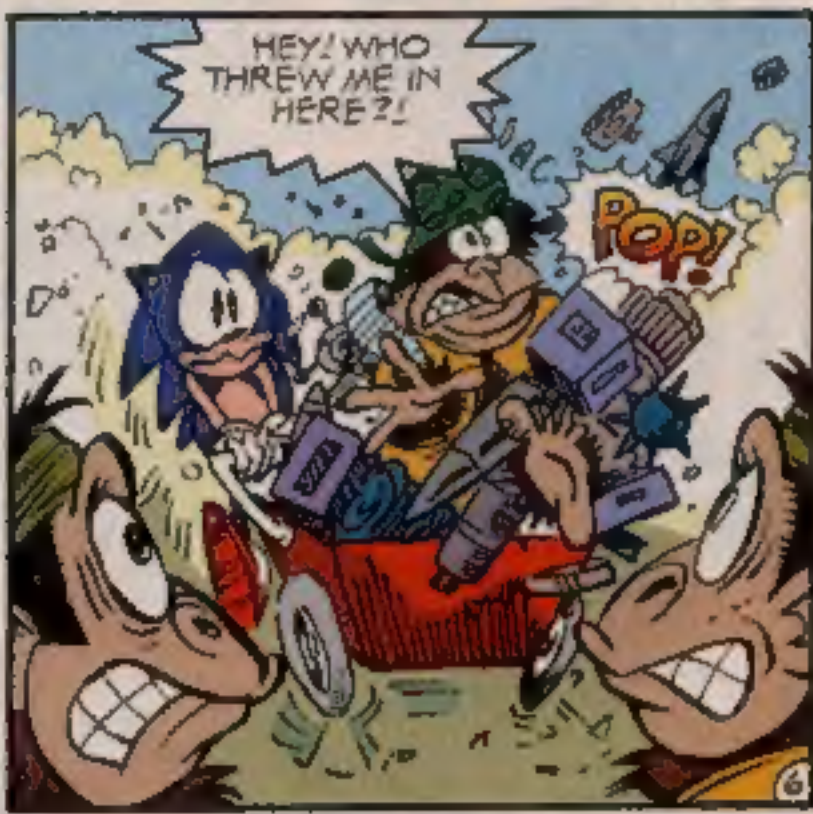
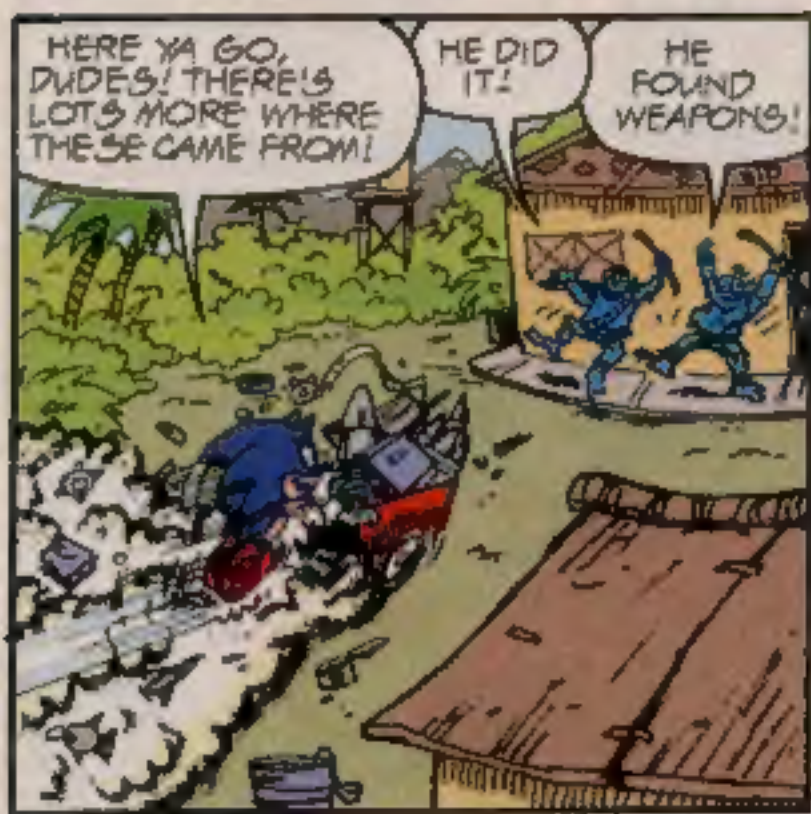
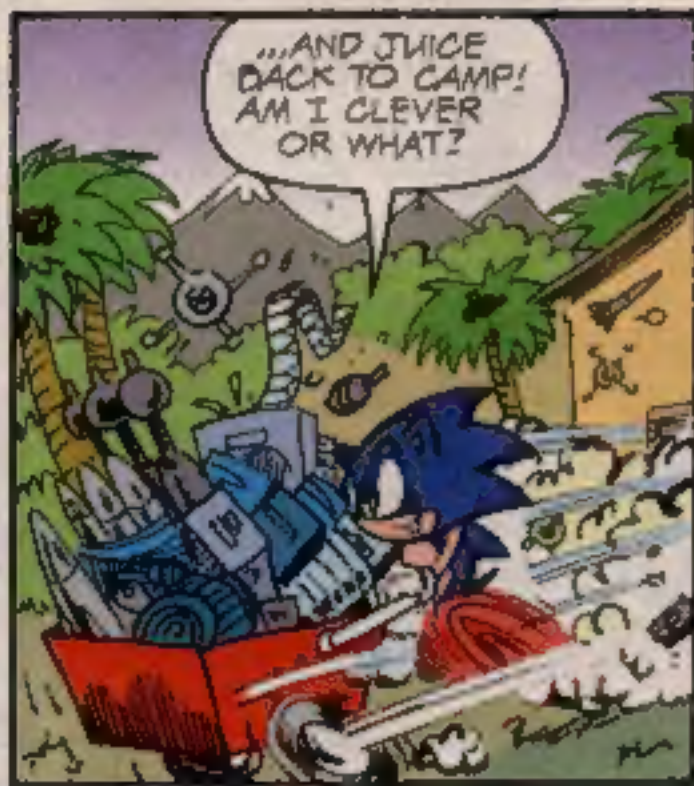
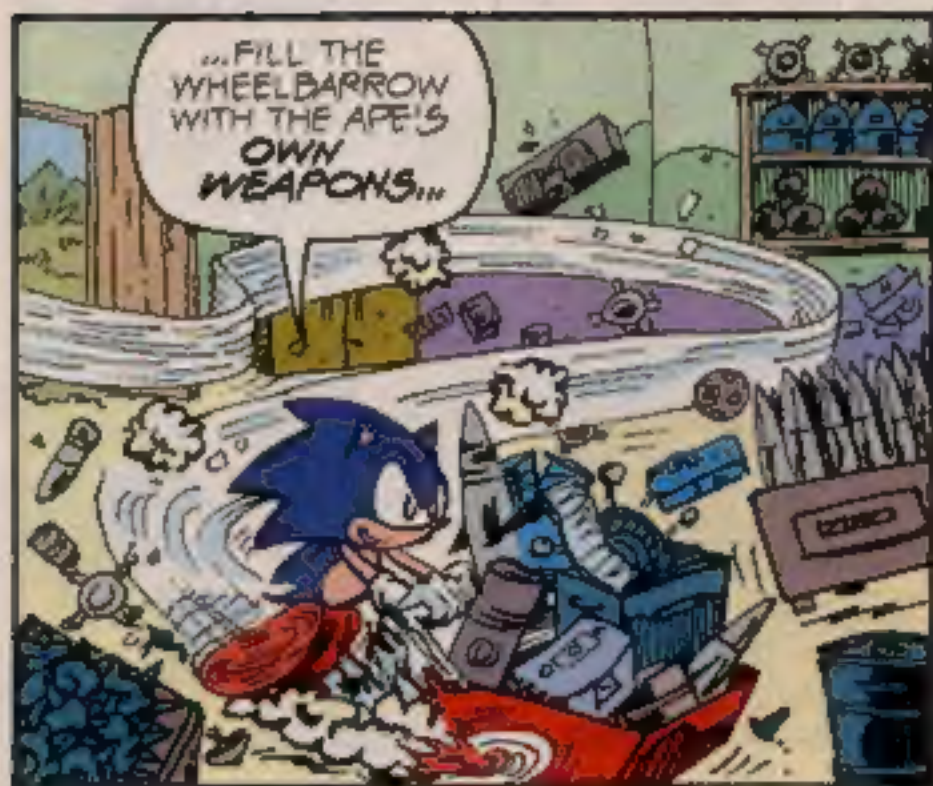
JUST FOLLOW THE
PATH I MAKE WITH
MY SPEED!

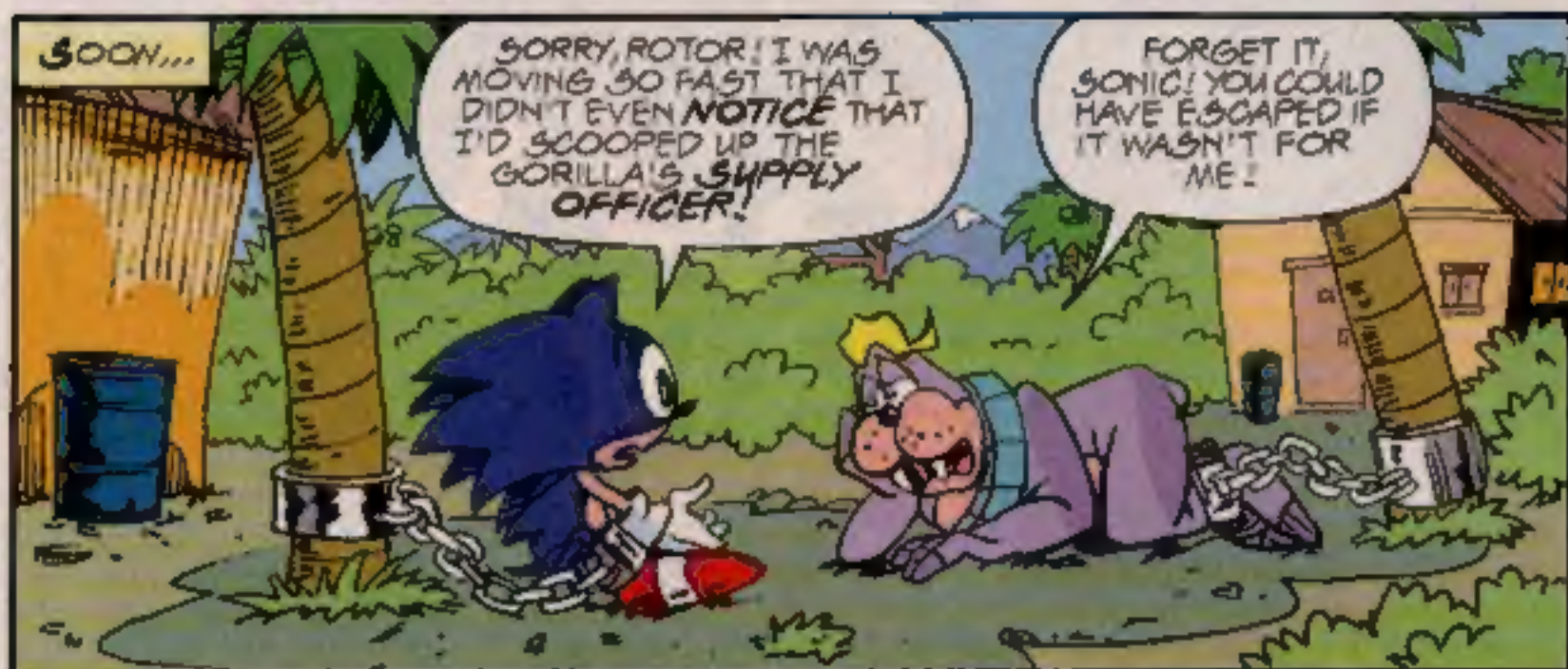
DON'T RUN TOO FAST,
SONIC! YOU'LL START A
JUNGLE FIRE!

V-ZOOM!









SONIC,
LOOK!

I CLAIM THIS JUNGLE
IN THE NAME OF DOCTOR
IVO ROBOTNIK, AND I
ORDER YOU TO
SURRENDER...

...OR THE REST
OF YOUR CAMP WILL
BE
OBLITERATED!



END OF
PART I

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

GUERRILLA THRILLER

PART II

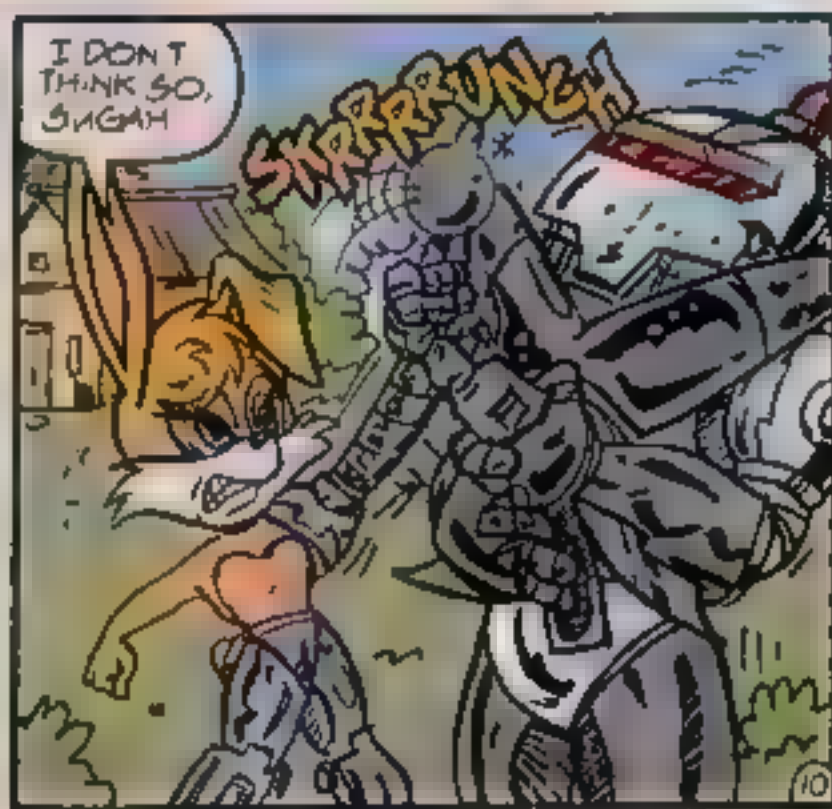
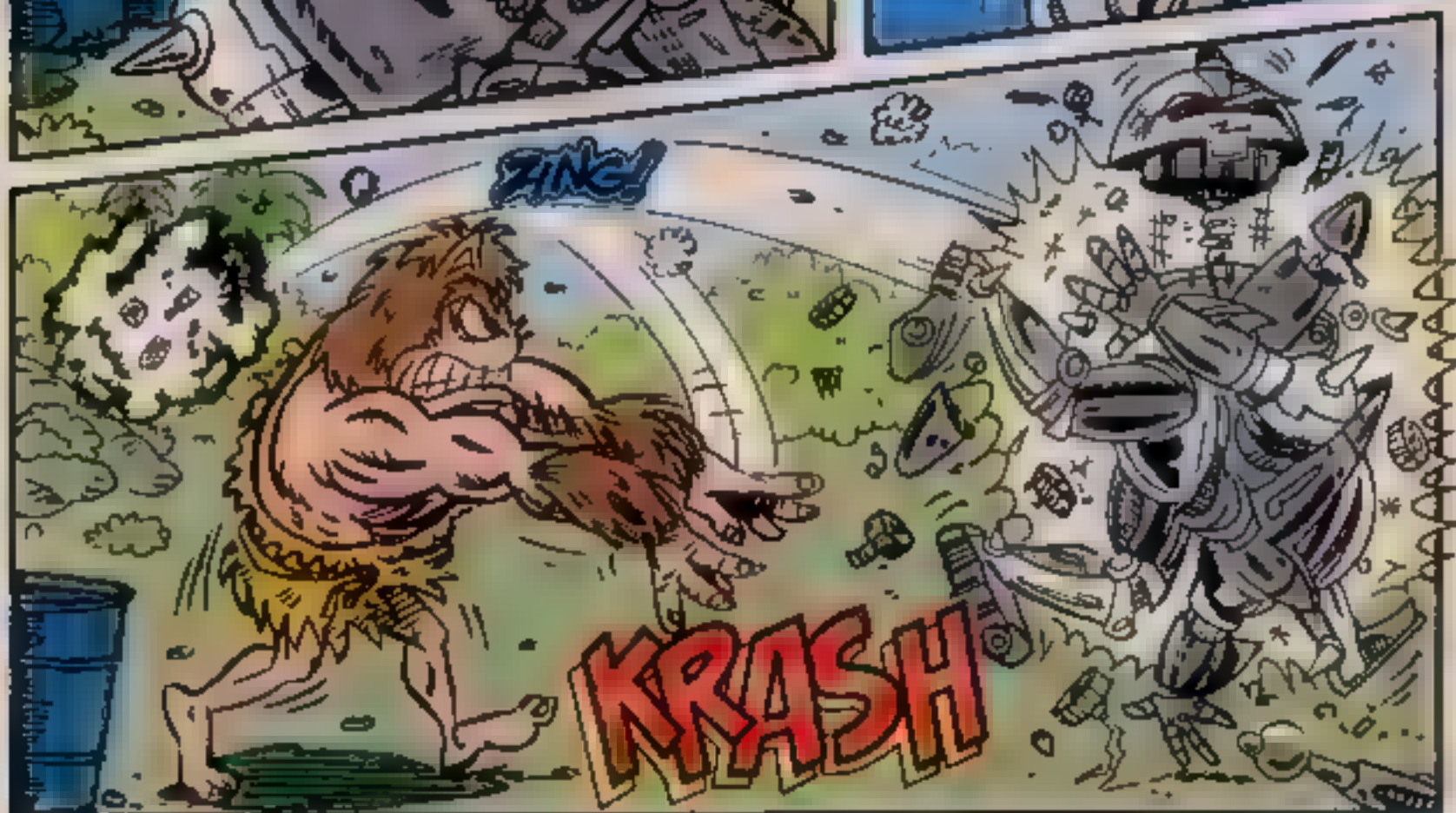
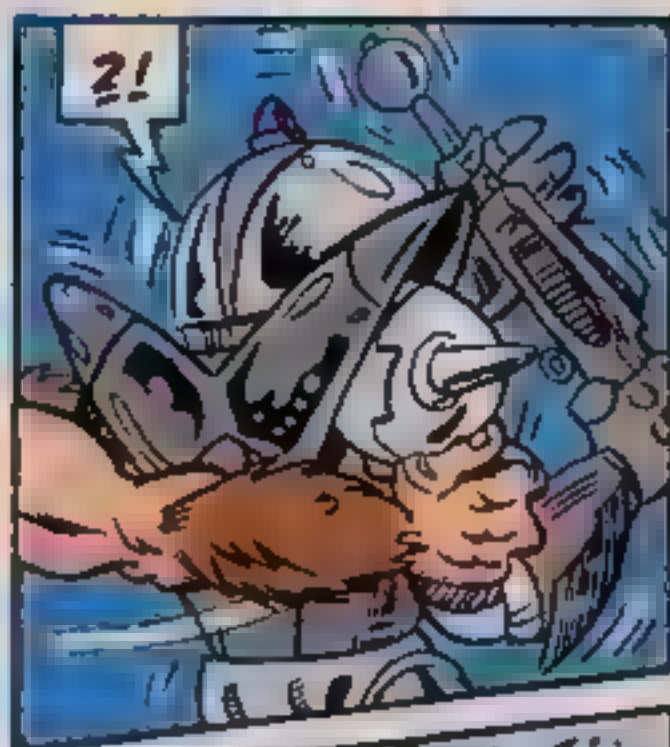
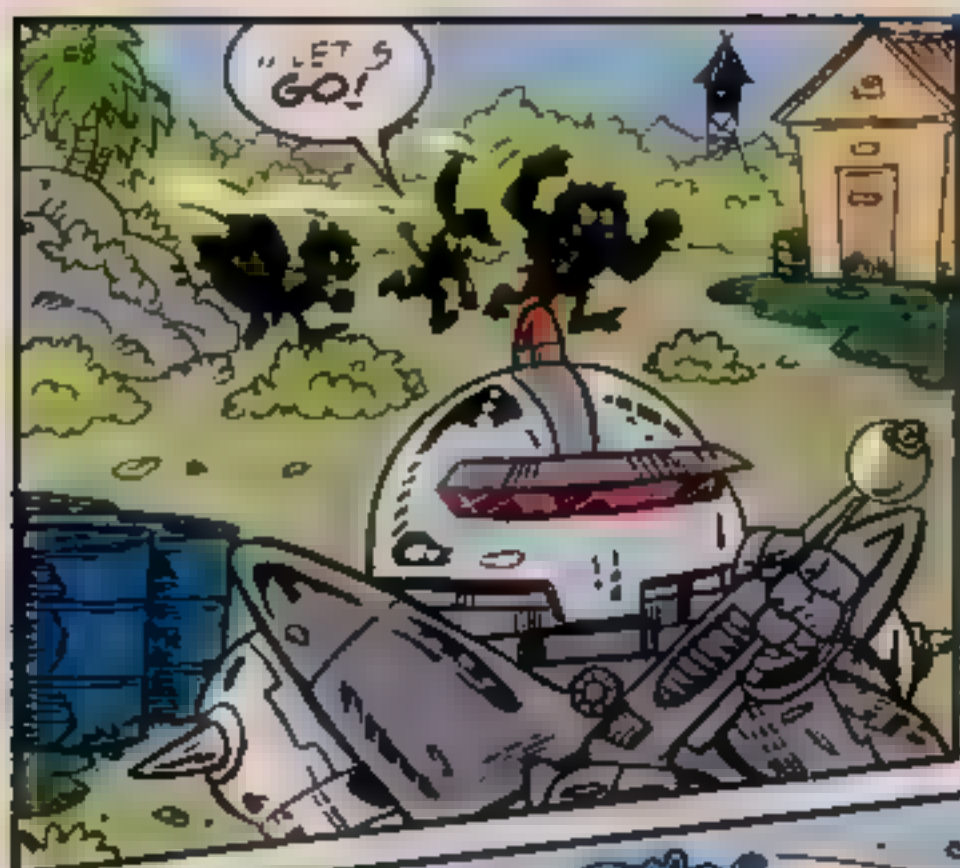
WHAT A **SURPRISE!**
WHEN DR. ROBOTNIK SEES
THAT I'VE CAPTURED YOU,
HE'LL APPOINT ME
CO-DICTATOR!

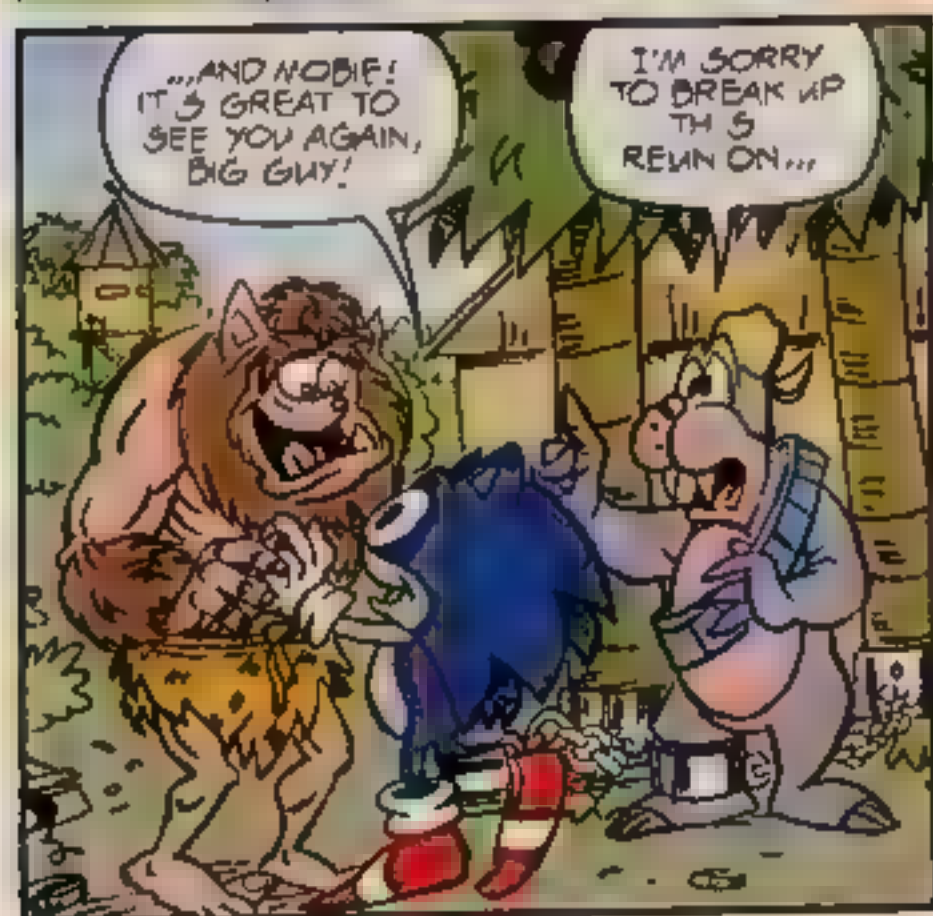
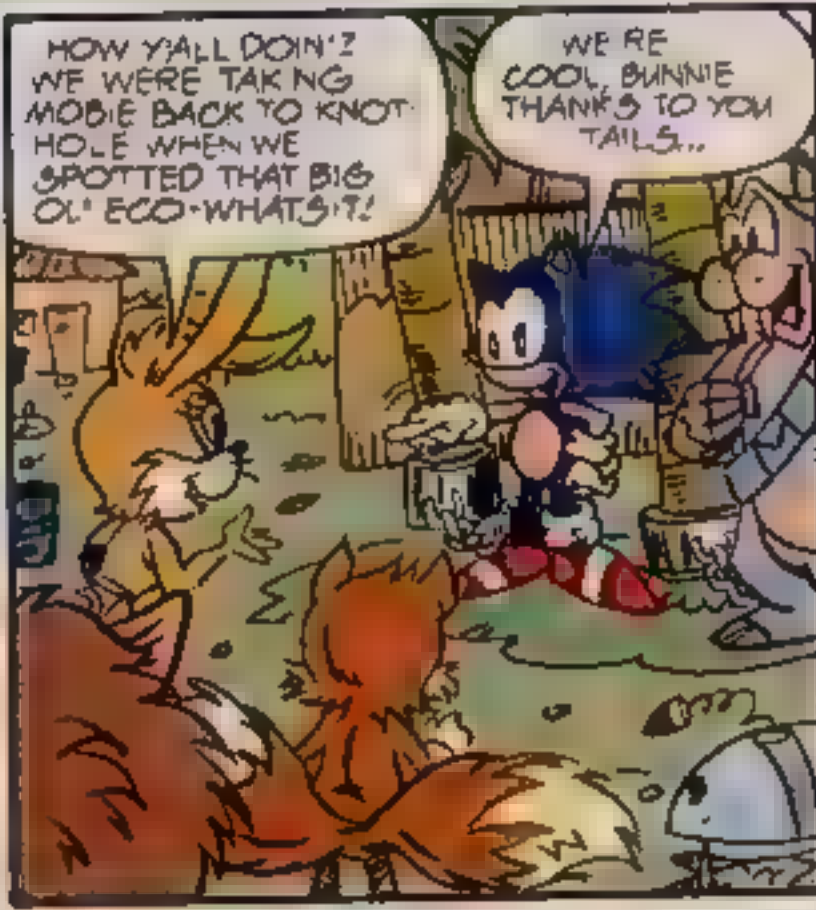
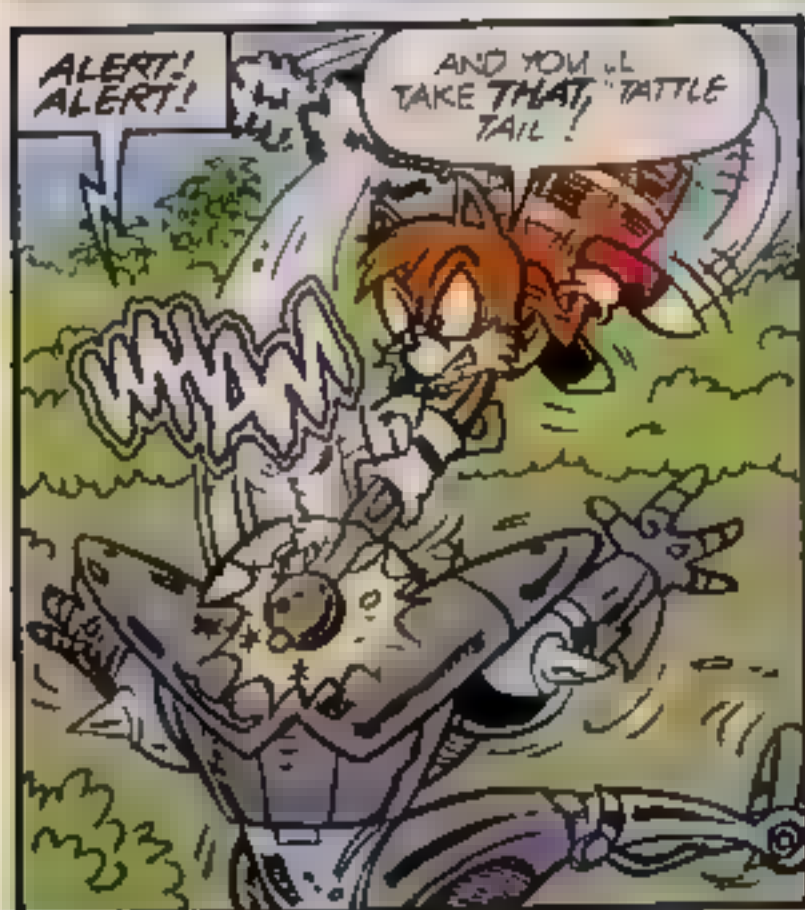
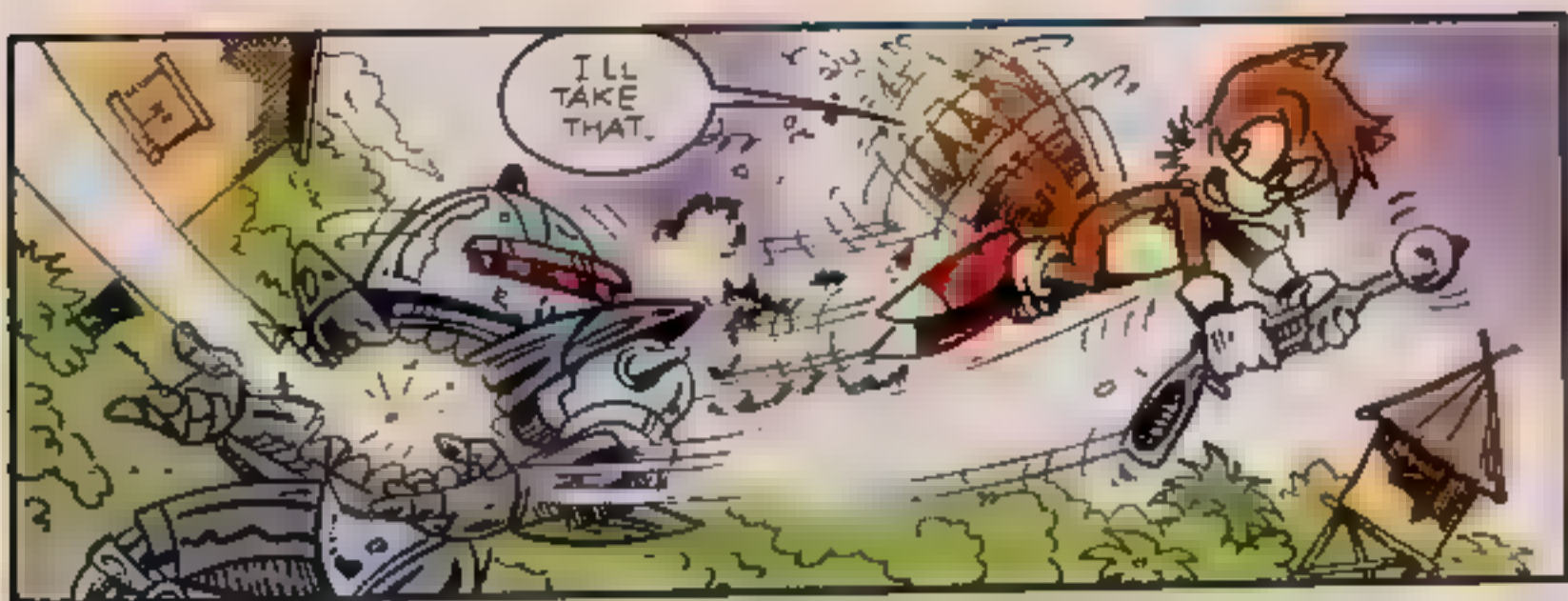
THE **GORILLAS**
CAPTURED ME **SNIV-NOSE!**
YOU CAN'T EVEN **CATCH**
YOUR **BREATH!**

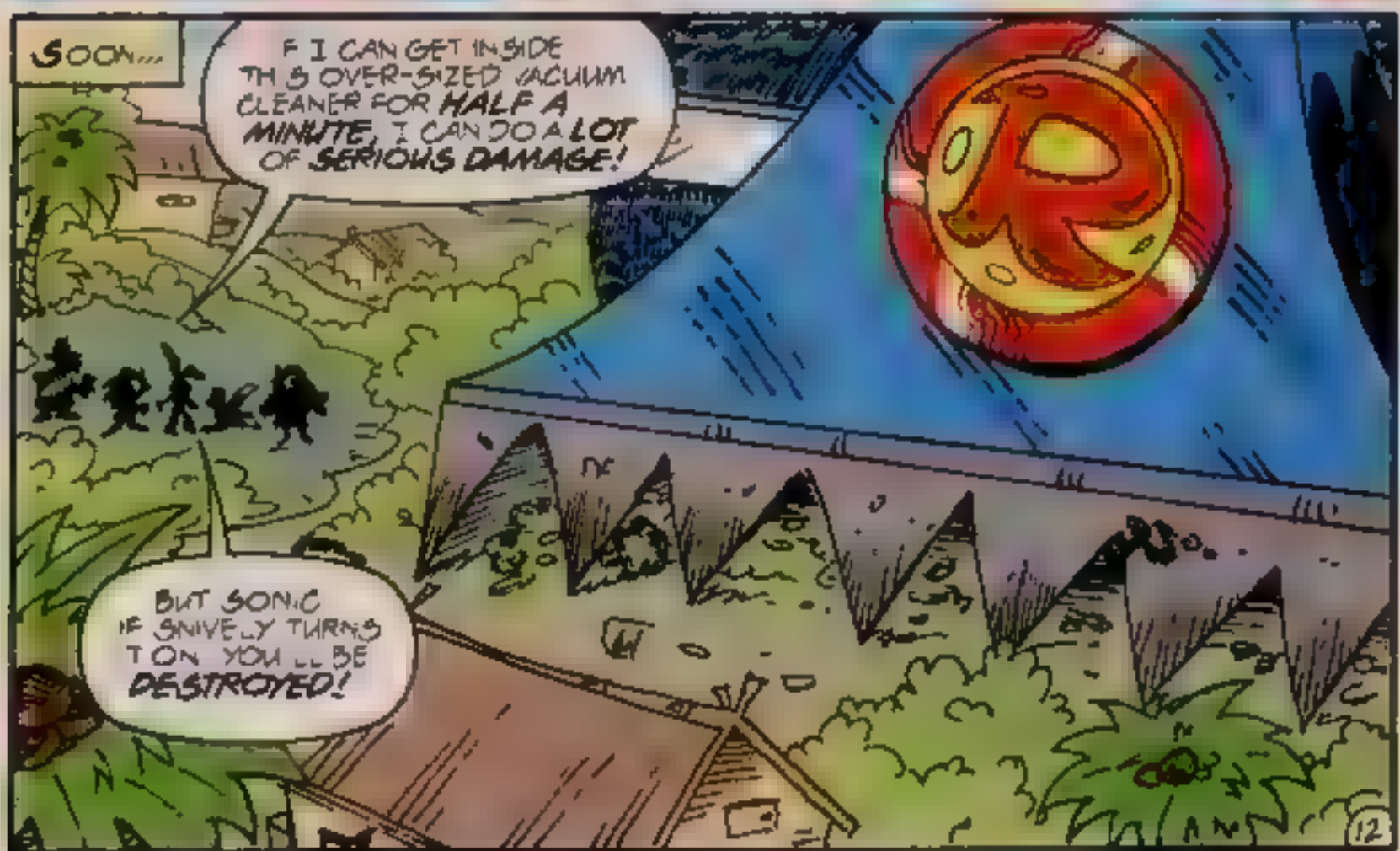
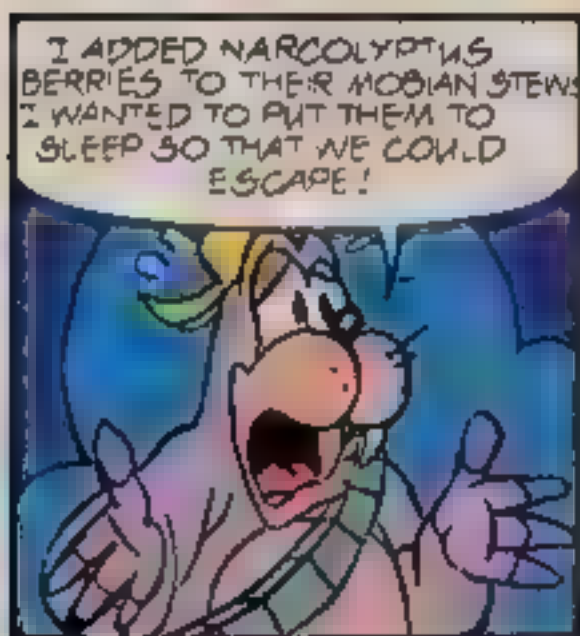
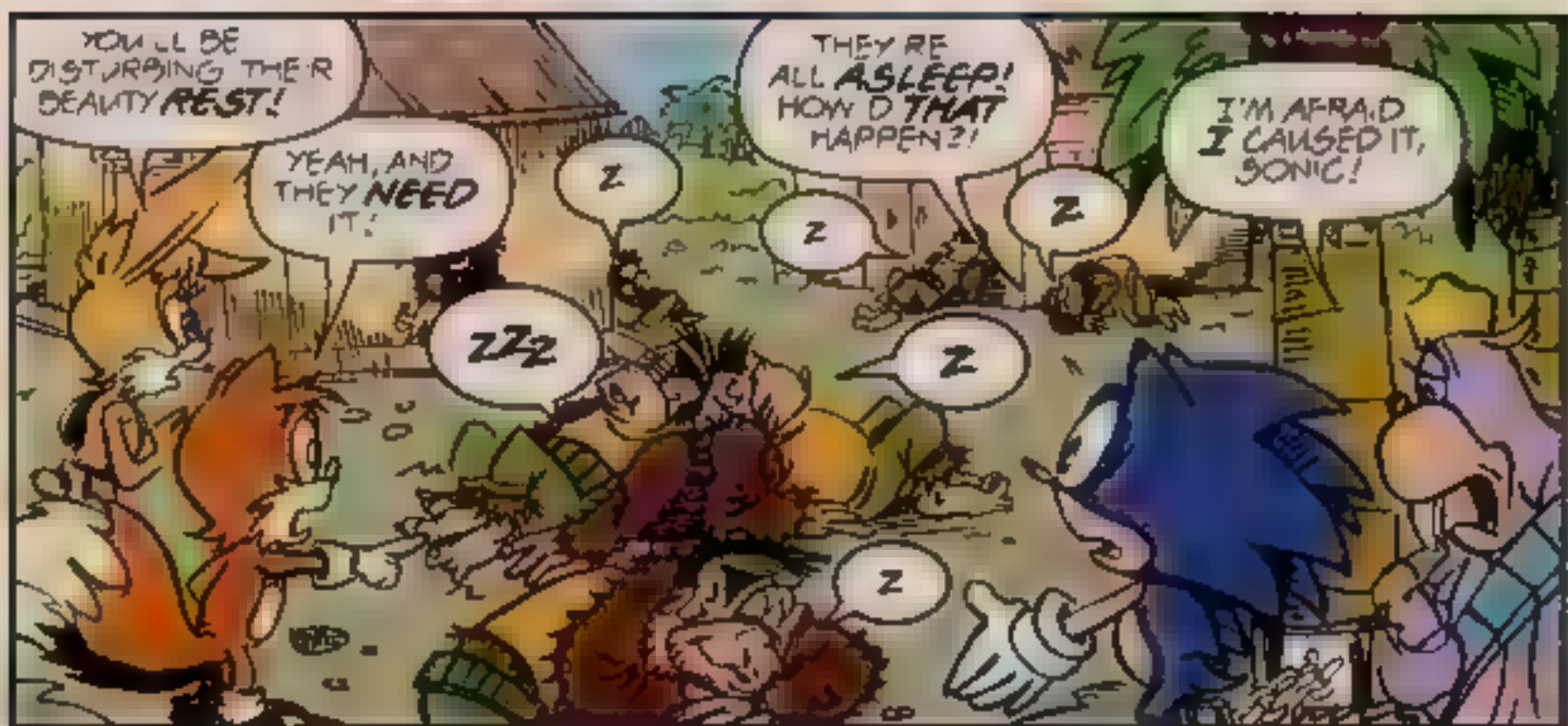
AND I LIKE
YOUR **HAT!** WHEN
DID YOU START
WEARING A **TEEPEE**
ON YOUR HEAD?

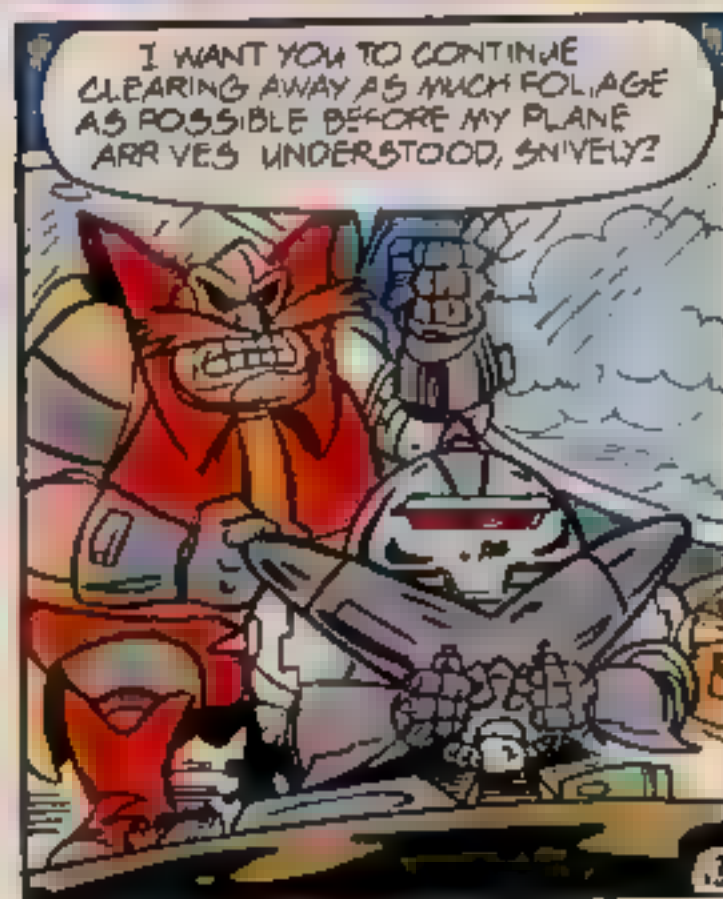
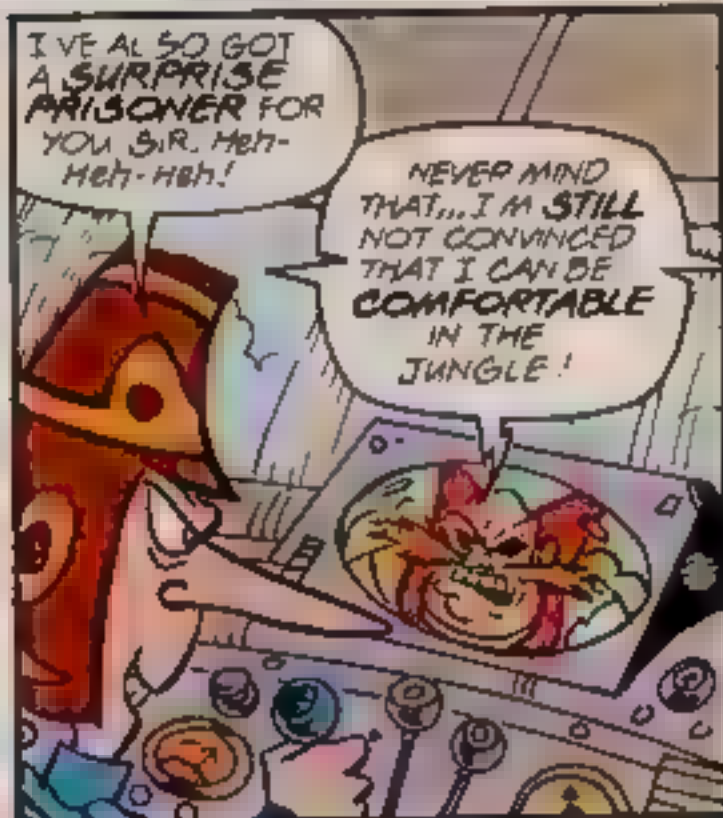
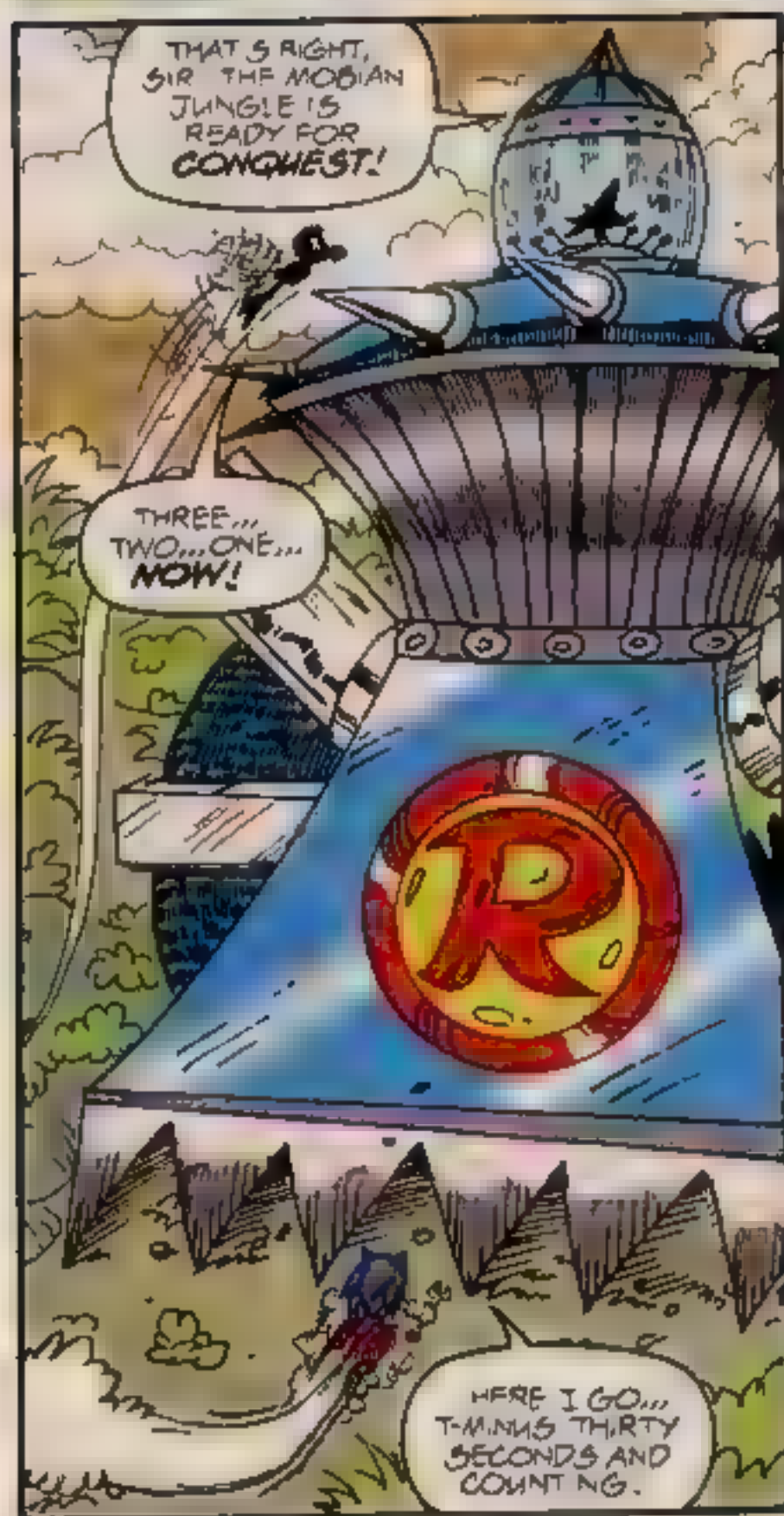
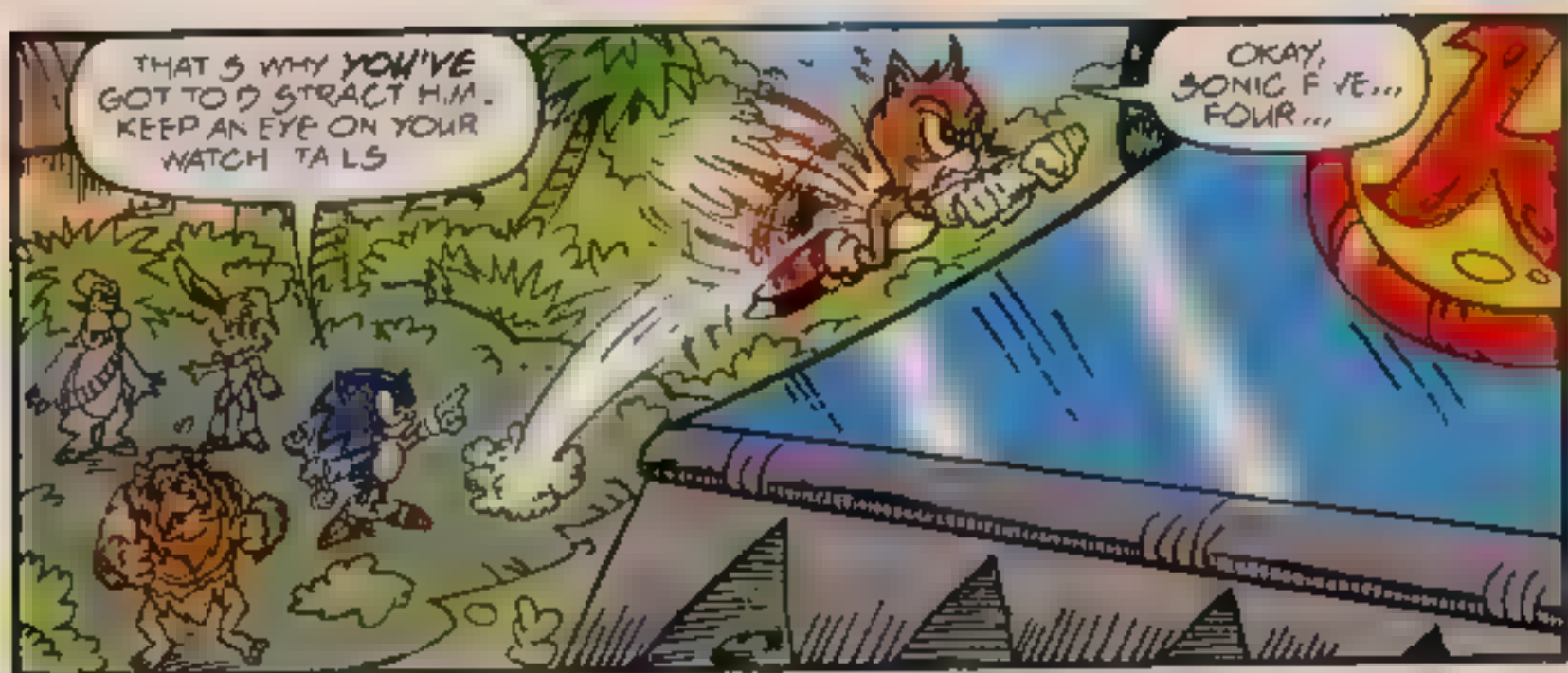
VERY FUNNY, **HEDGEHOG!**
WE'LL SEE WHO **LAUGHS** WHEN
DOCTOR **ROBOTNIK** ARRIVES
AND ORDERS YOU TO BE
ROBOTICIZED!

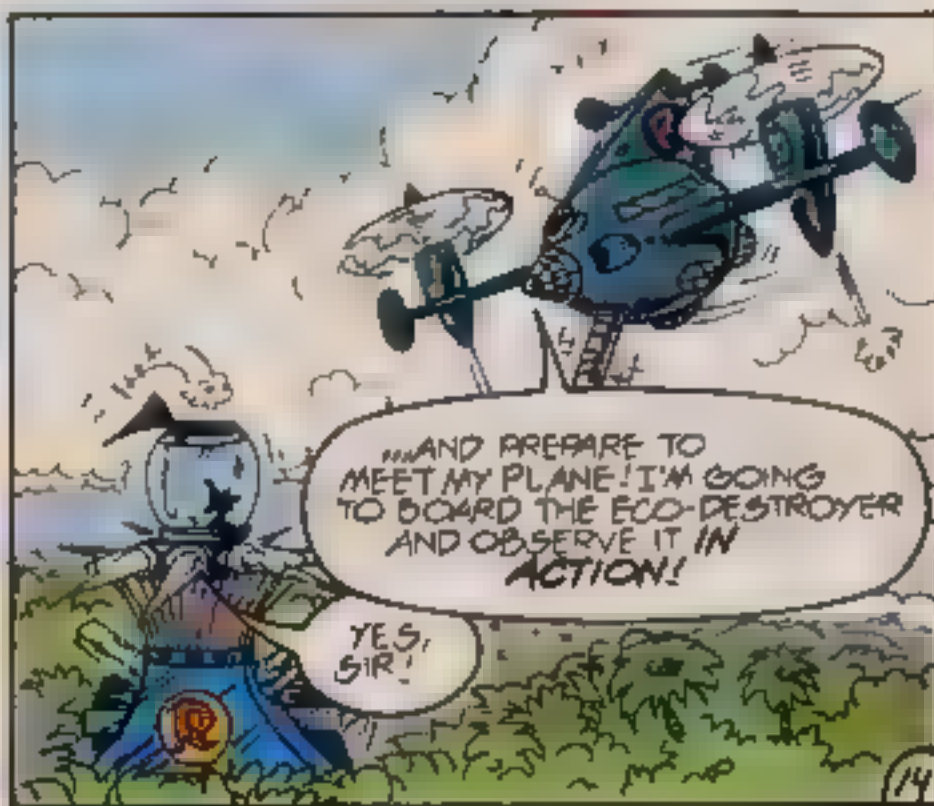
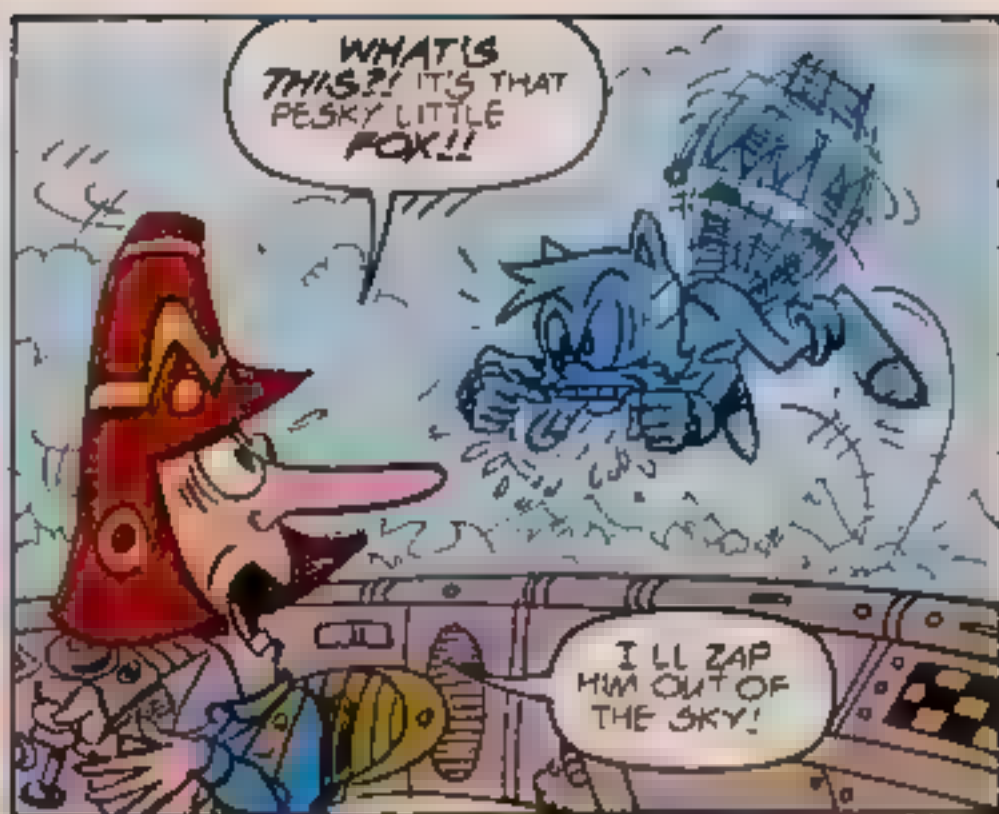
HE'S
LEAVING!
GET
READY...

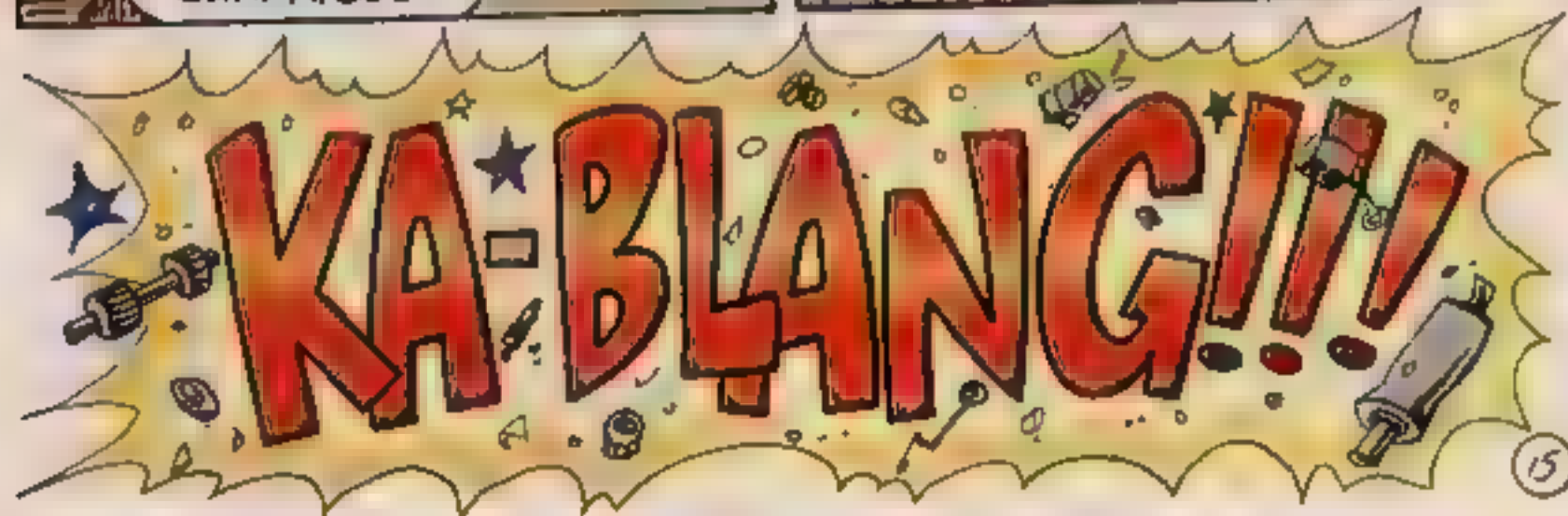
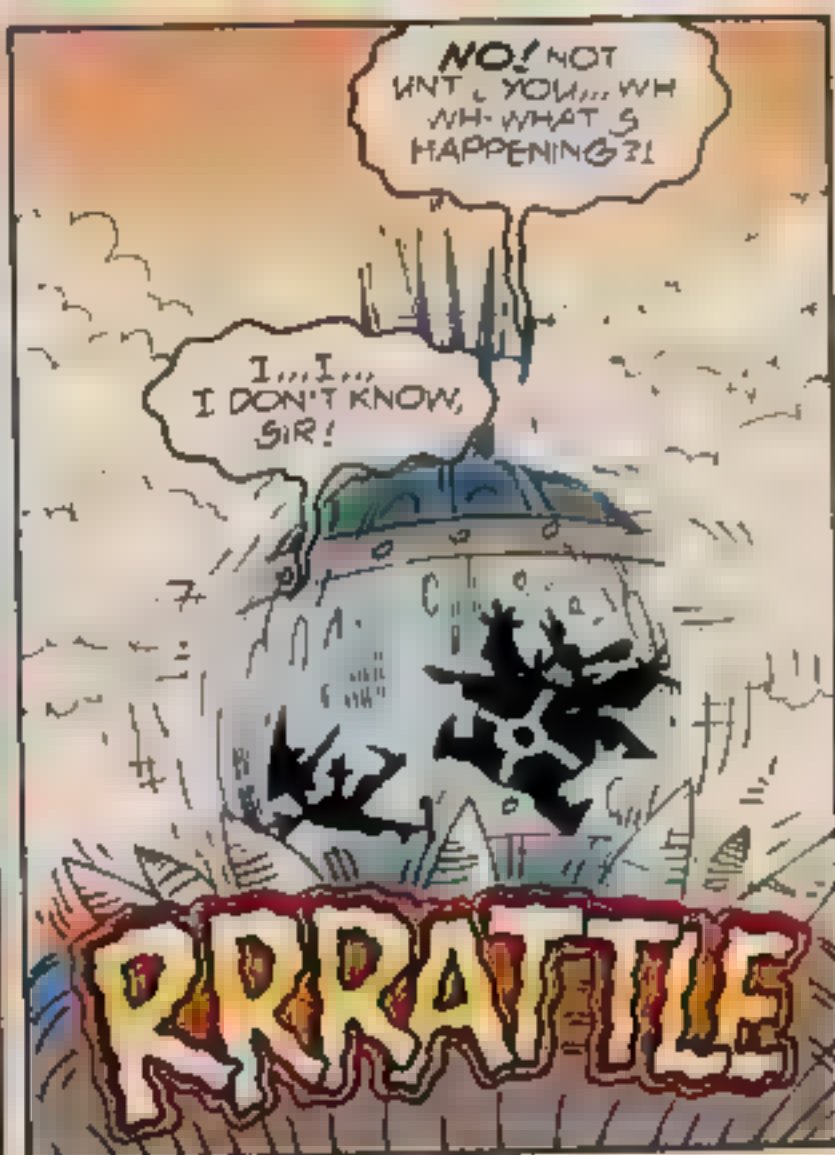
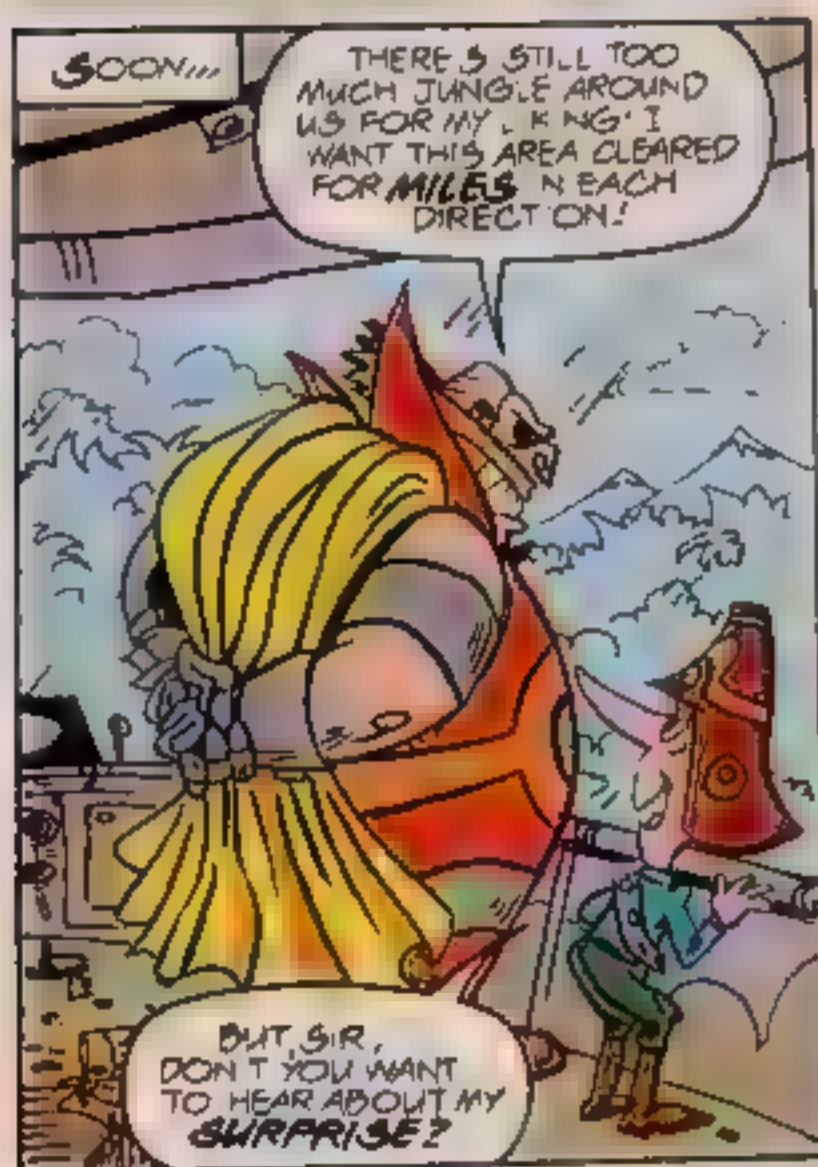
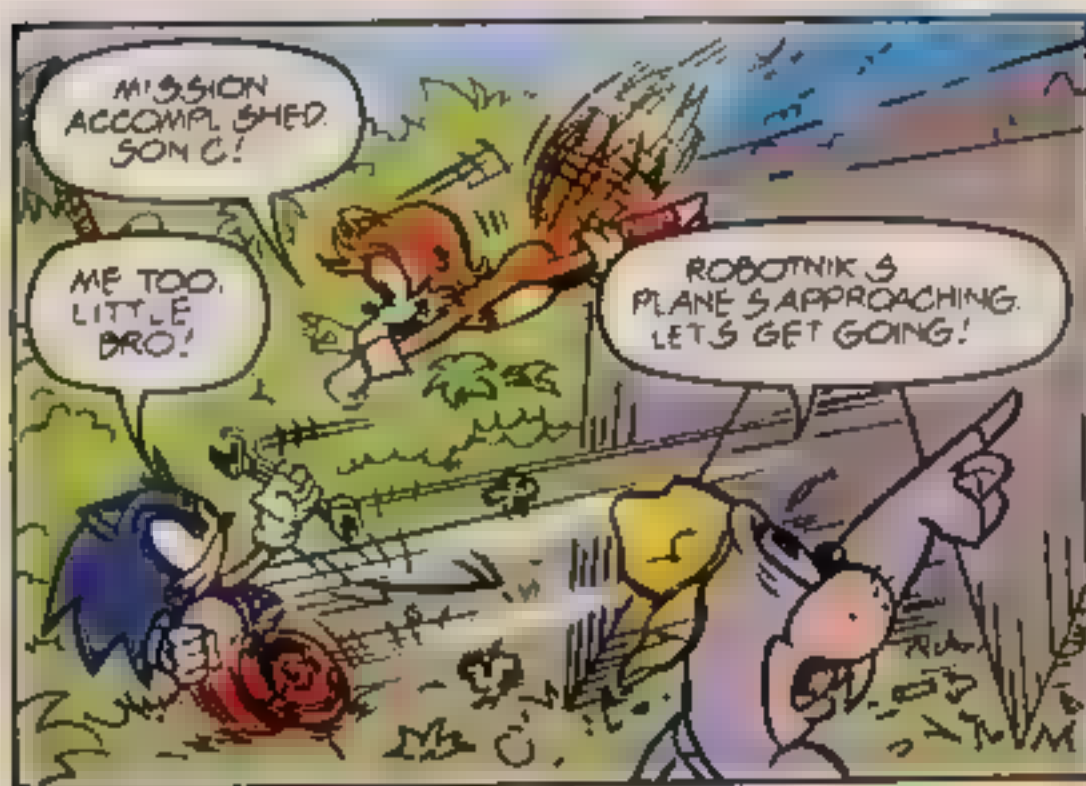


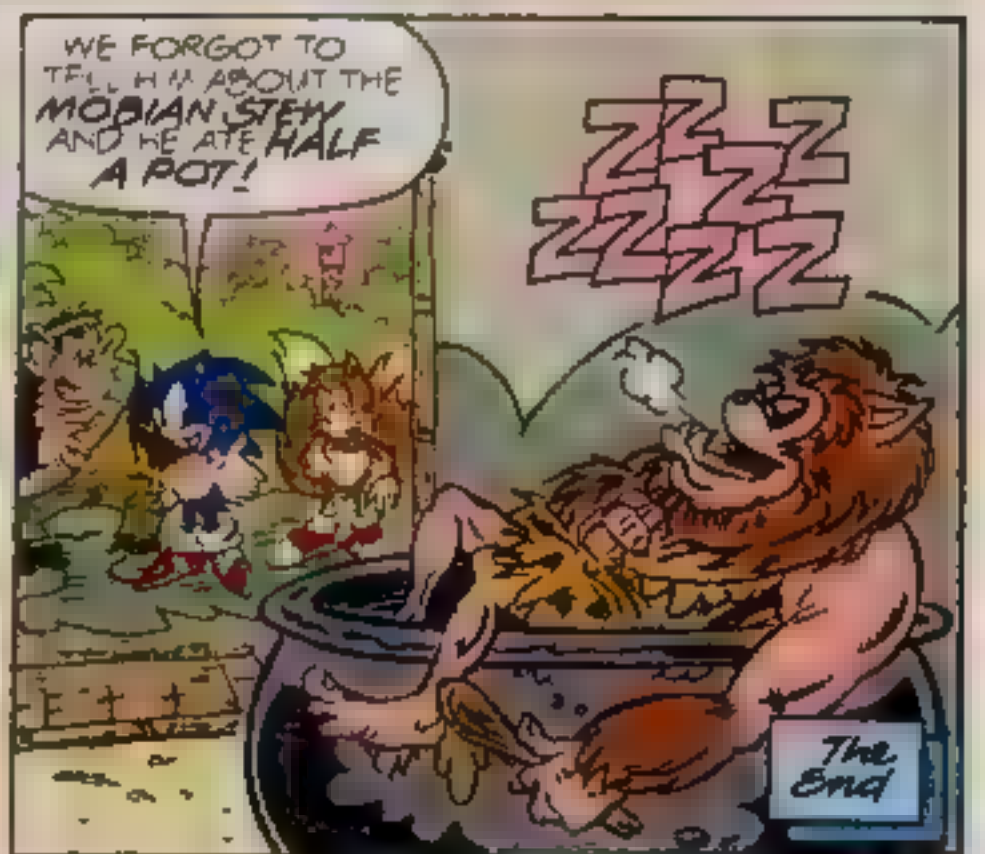
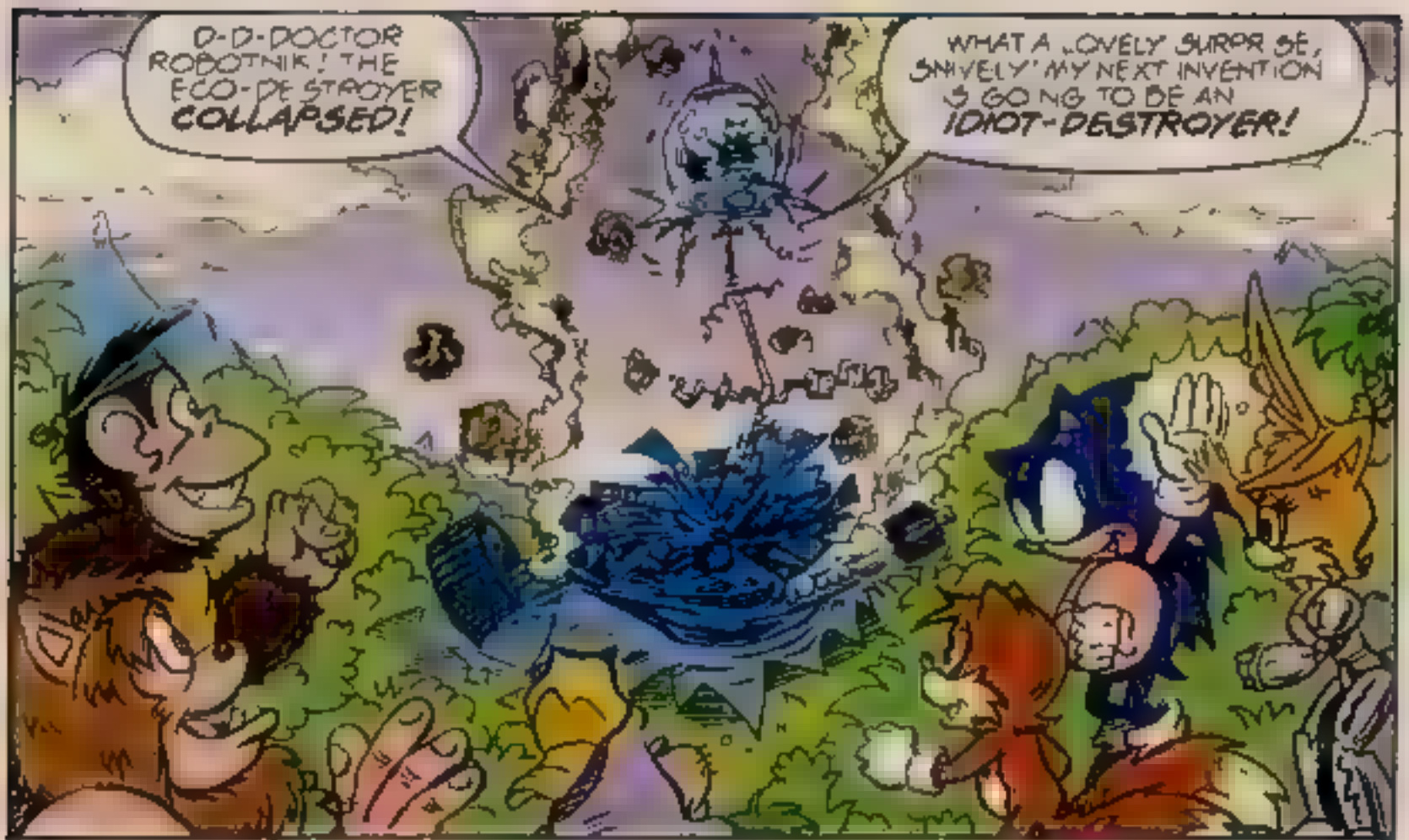




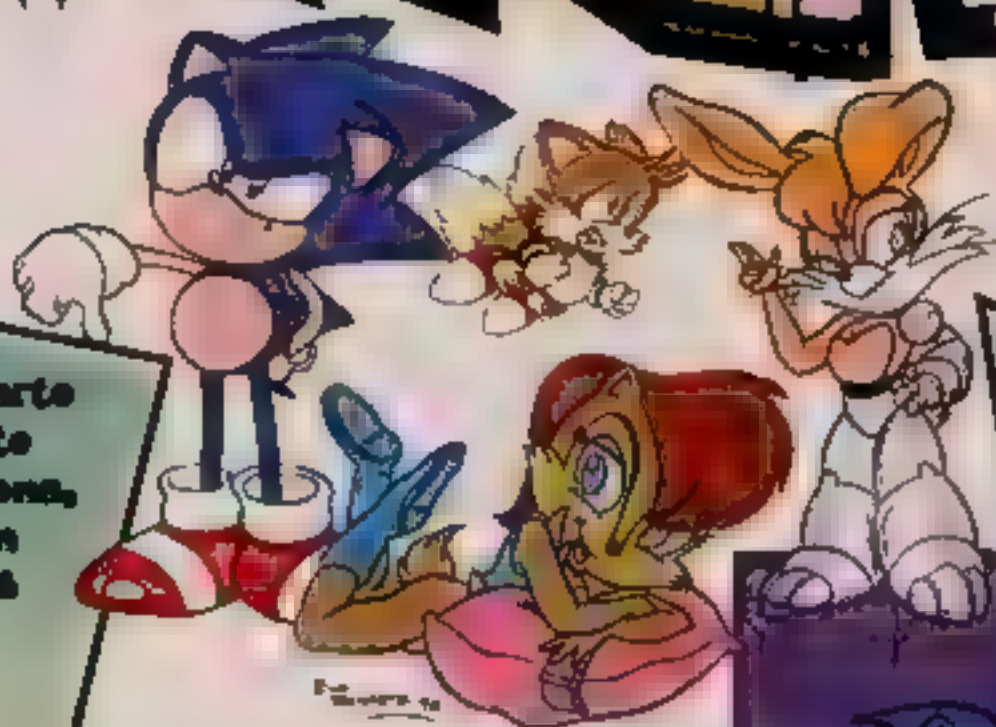






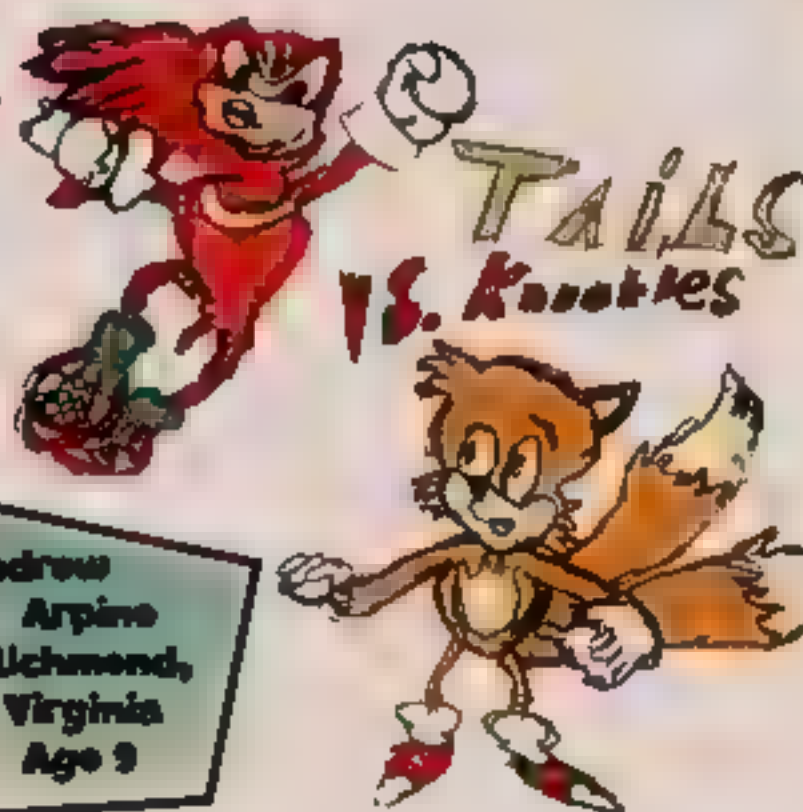


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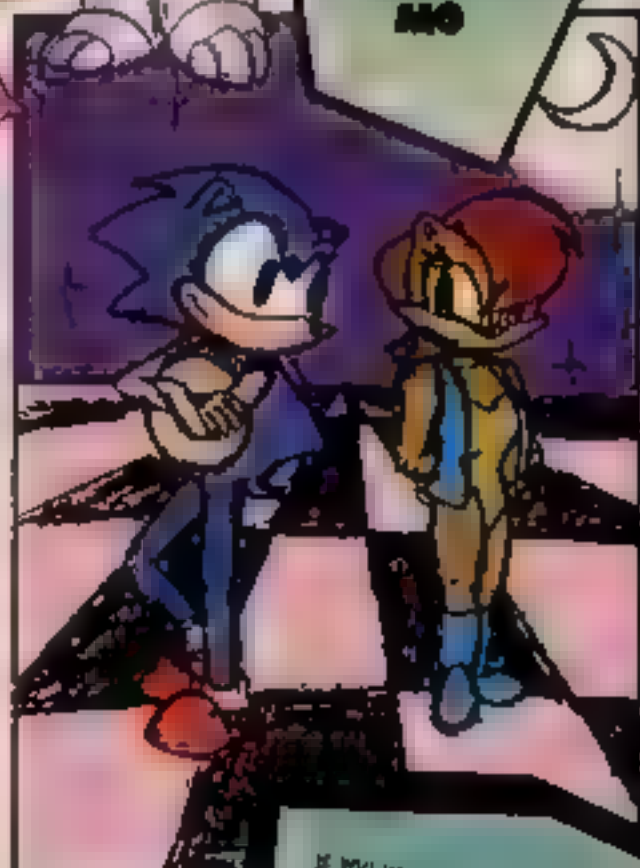


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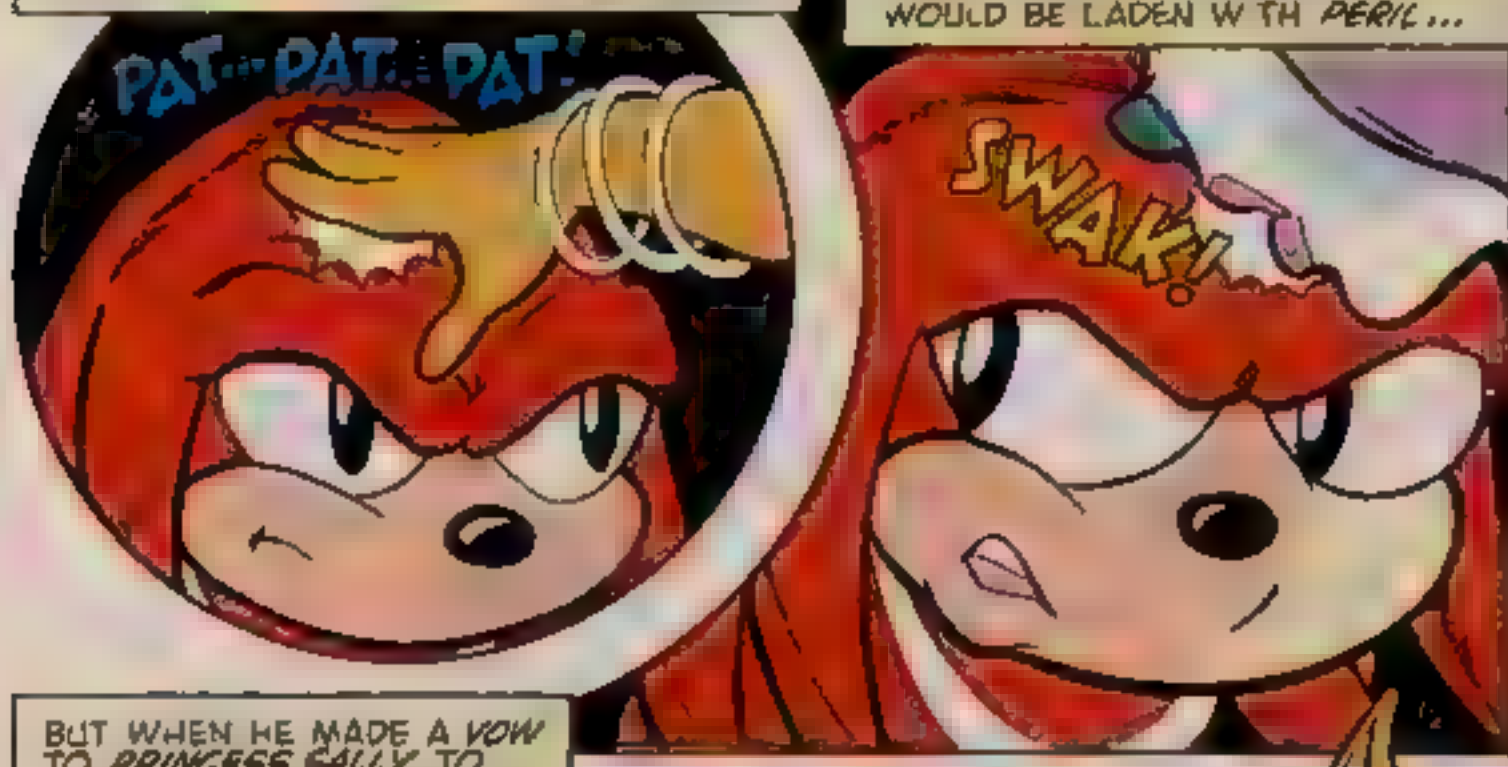
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ACCEPTING THE MANTLE OF GUARDIAN OF THE FLOATING ISLAND, KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA KNEW HIS LIFE WOULD BE FRAUGHT WITH STALWART CHALLENGES ..

EVER THE STAUNCH HERO, HE ACCEPTED THE FACT THAT HIS LIFE WOULD BE LADEN WITH PERIL...



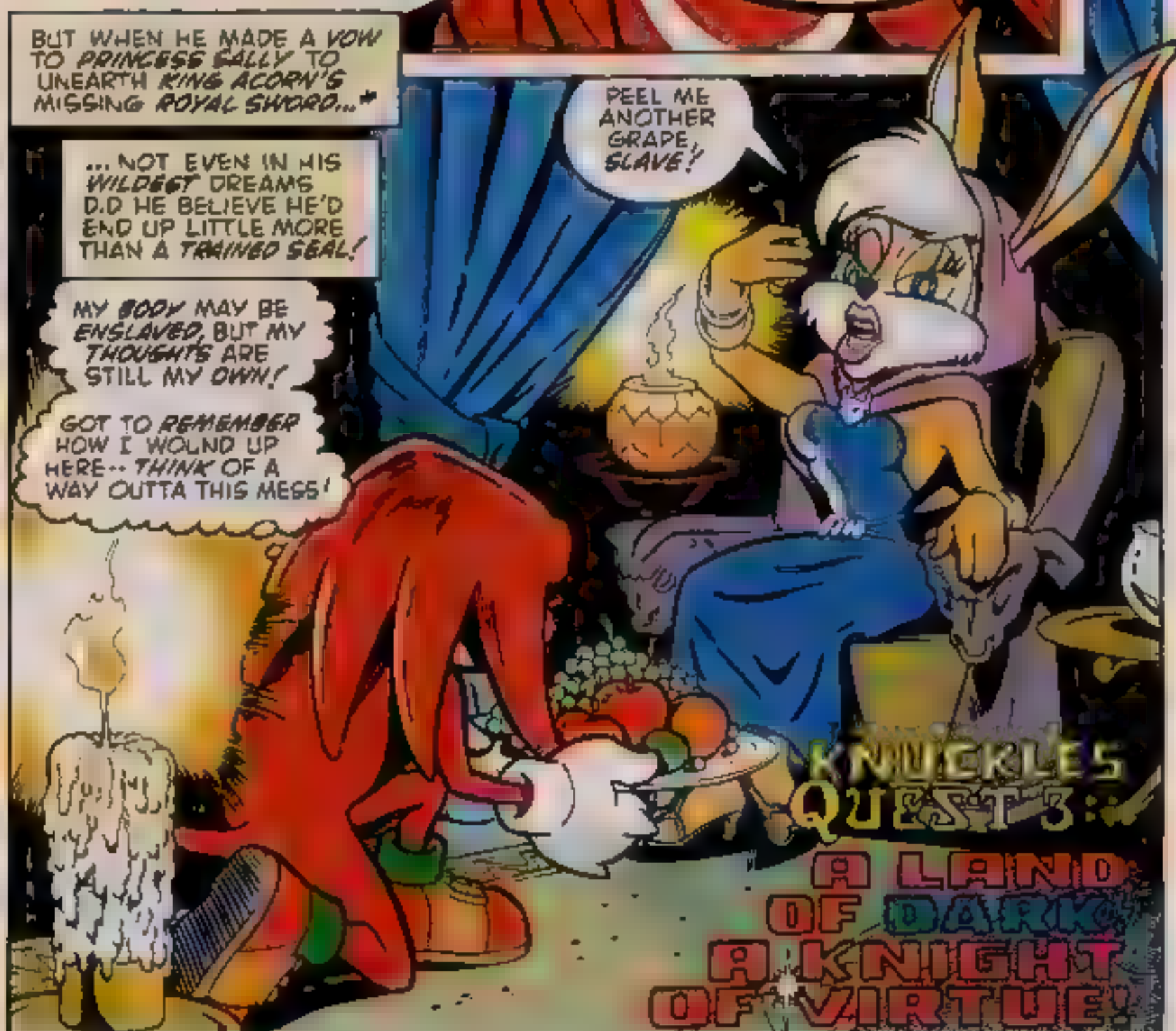
BUT WHEN HE MADE A VOW TO PRINCESS EALLY TO UNEARTH KING ACORN'S MISSING ROYAL SWORD...*

... NOT EVEN IN HIS WILDEST DREAMS DID HE BELIEVE HE'D END UP LITTLE MORE THAN A TRAINED SEAL!

MY BODY MAY BE ENSLAVED, BUT MY THOUGHTS ARE STILL MY OWN!

GOT TO REMEMBER HOW I WOUND UP HERE-- THINK OF A WAY OUTTA THIS MESS!

PEEL ME ANOTHER GRAPE, SLAVE!



KNUCKLES QUEST 3: A LAND OF DARK A KNIGHT OF VIRTUE!

* WHO DOESN'T REMEMBER THE EVENTS DEPICTED IN SONIC #42 .. J Freddy

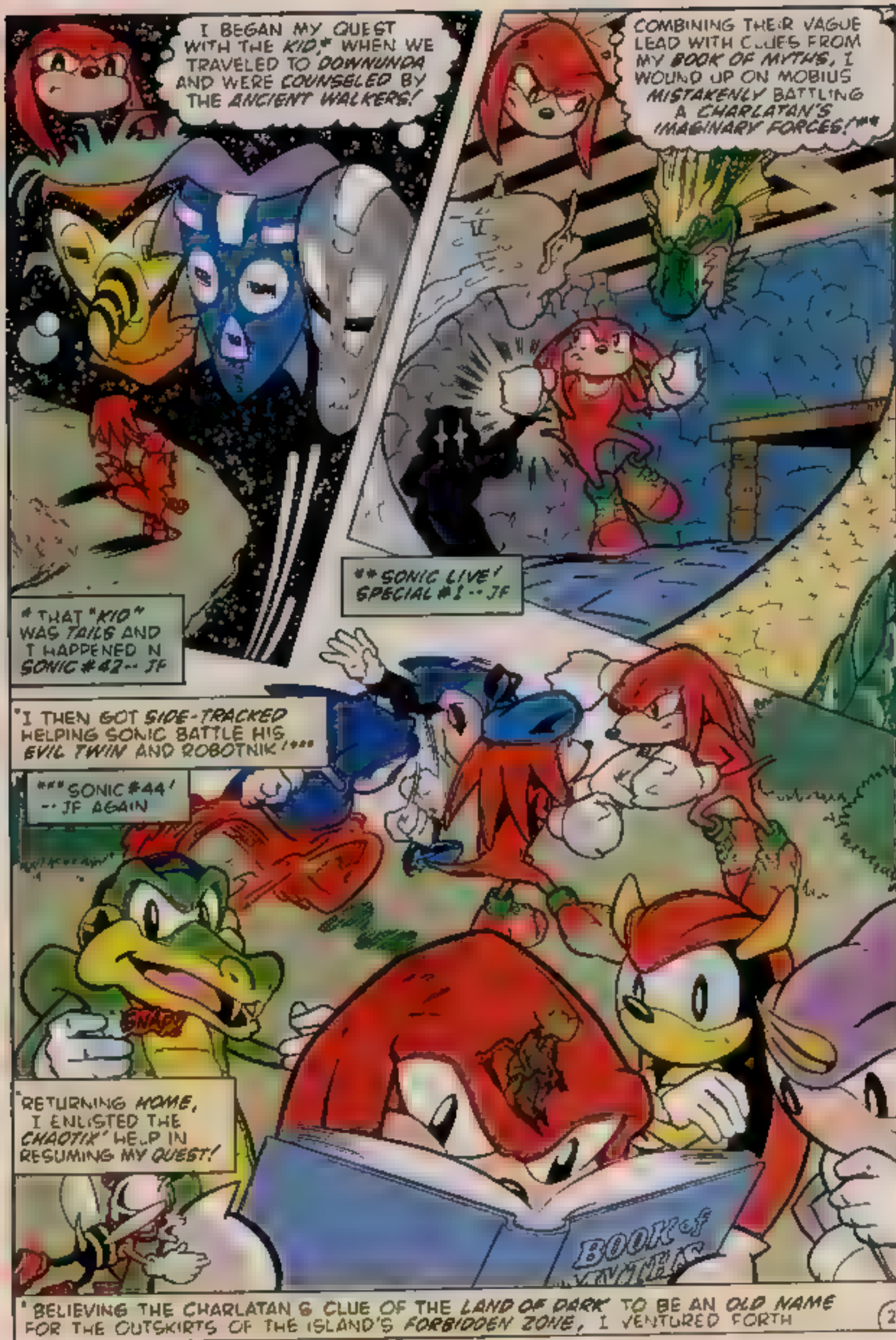
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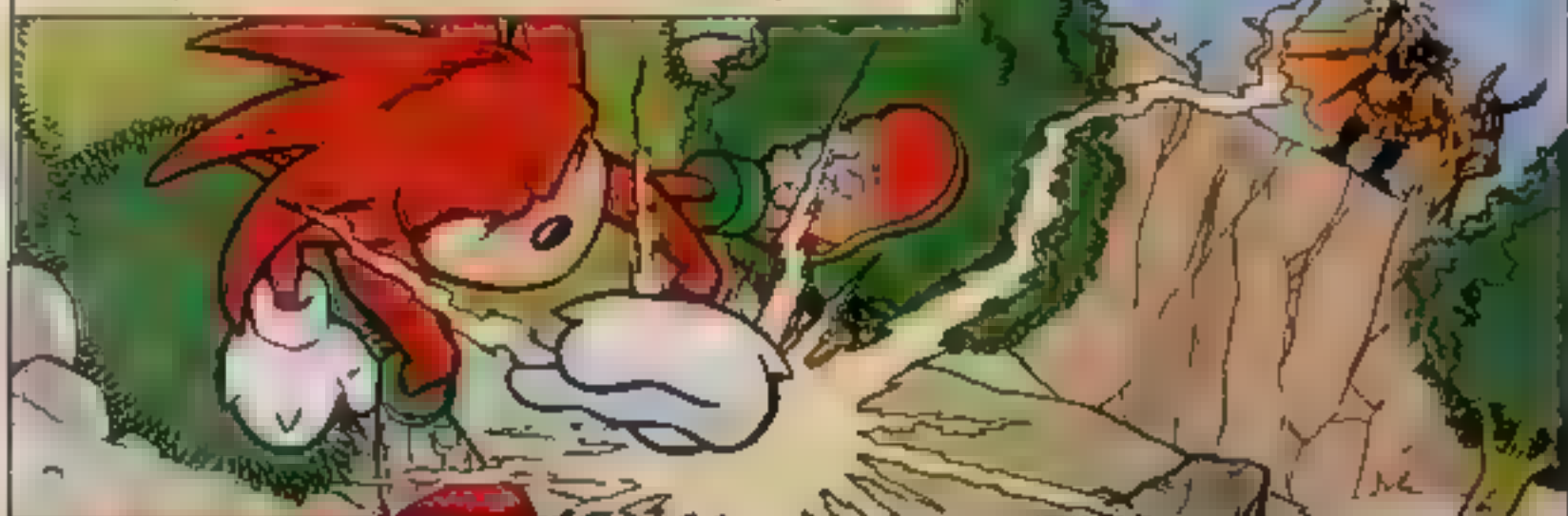
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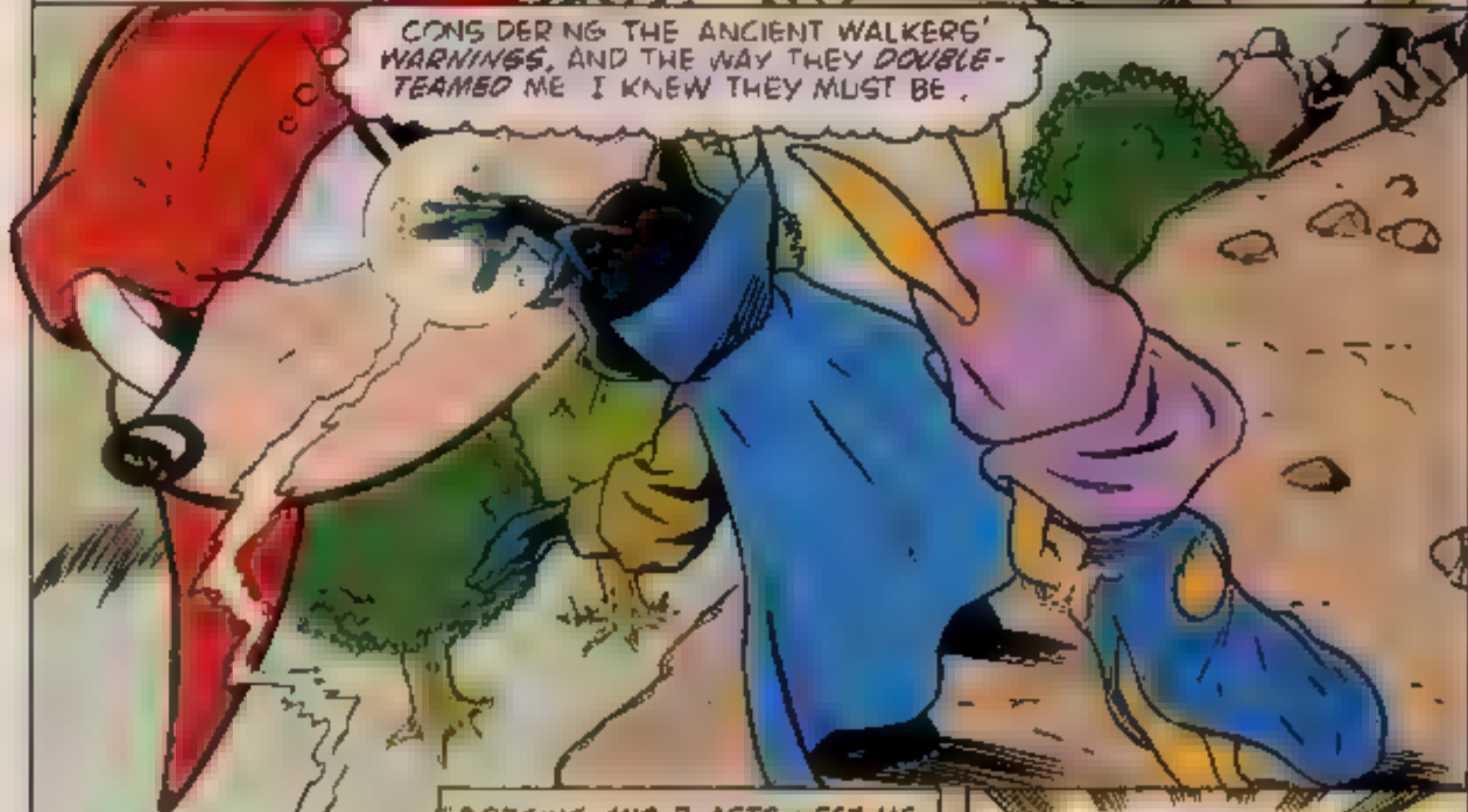
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"AND IN A LITTLE KNOWN, SUPPOSEDLY UNINHABITED REGION, I WAS ATTACKED BY TWO BE NGS!



CONSIDERING THE ANCIENT WALKERS' WARNINGS, AND THE WAY THEY DOUBLE-TEAMED ME I KNEW THEY MUST BE

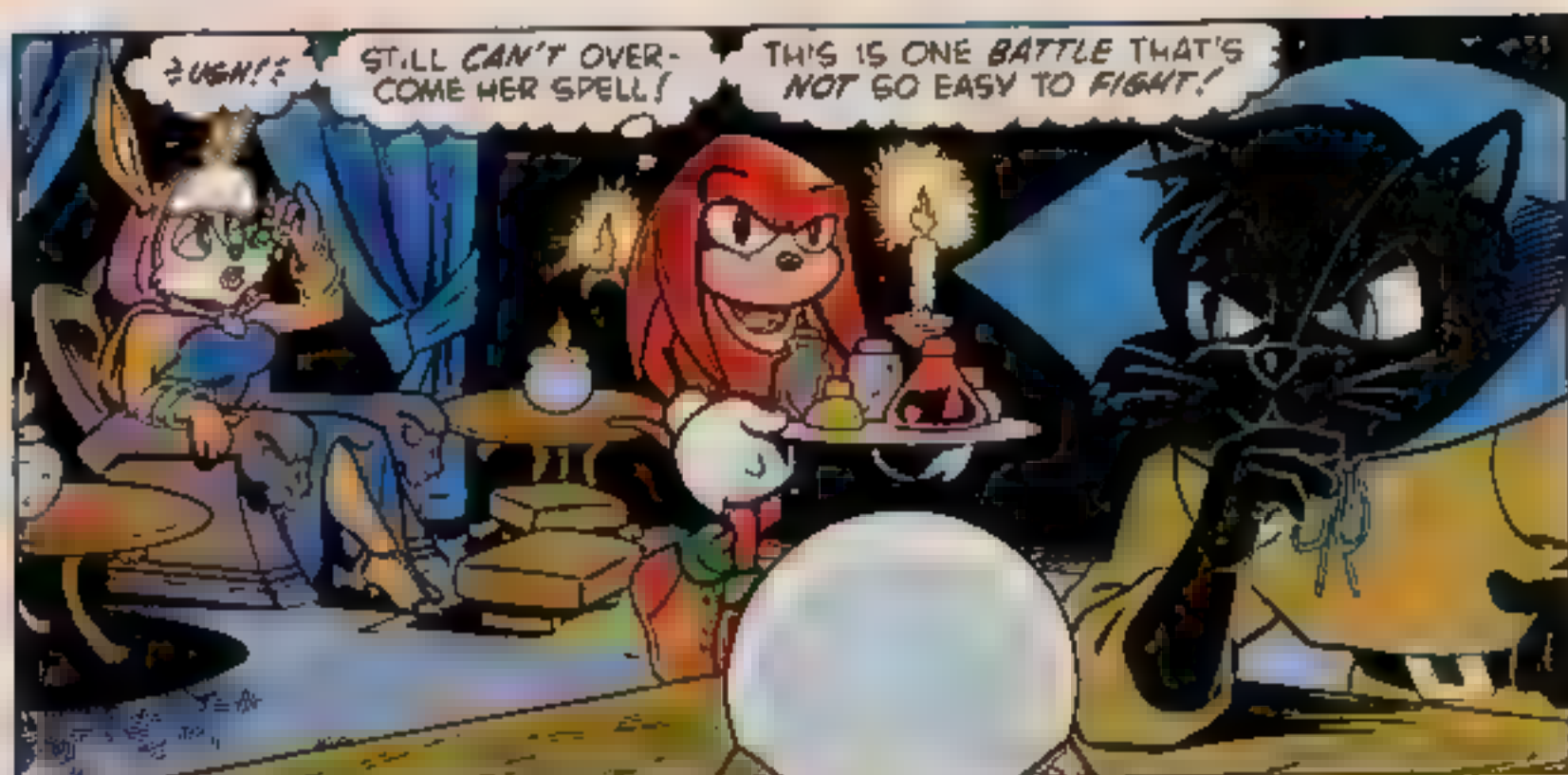


"DODGING HIS BLASTS LEFT ME WIDE OPEN-- WITH ONE LOOK SHE CONTROLLED MY WILL!"



THE SORCEROR! AND THE ENCHANTRESS!

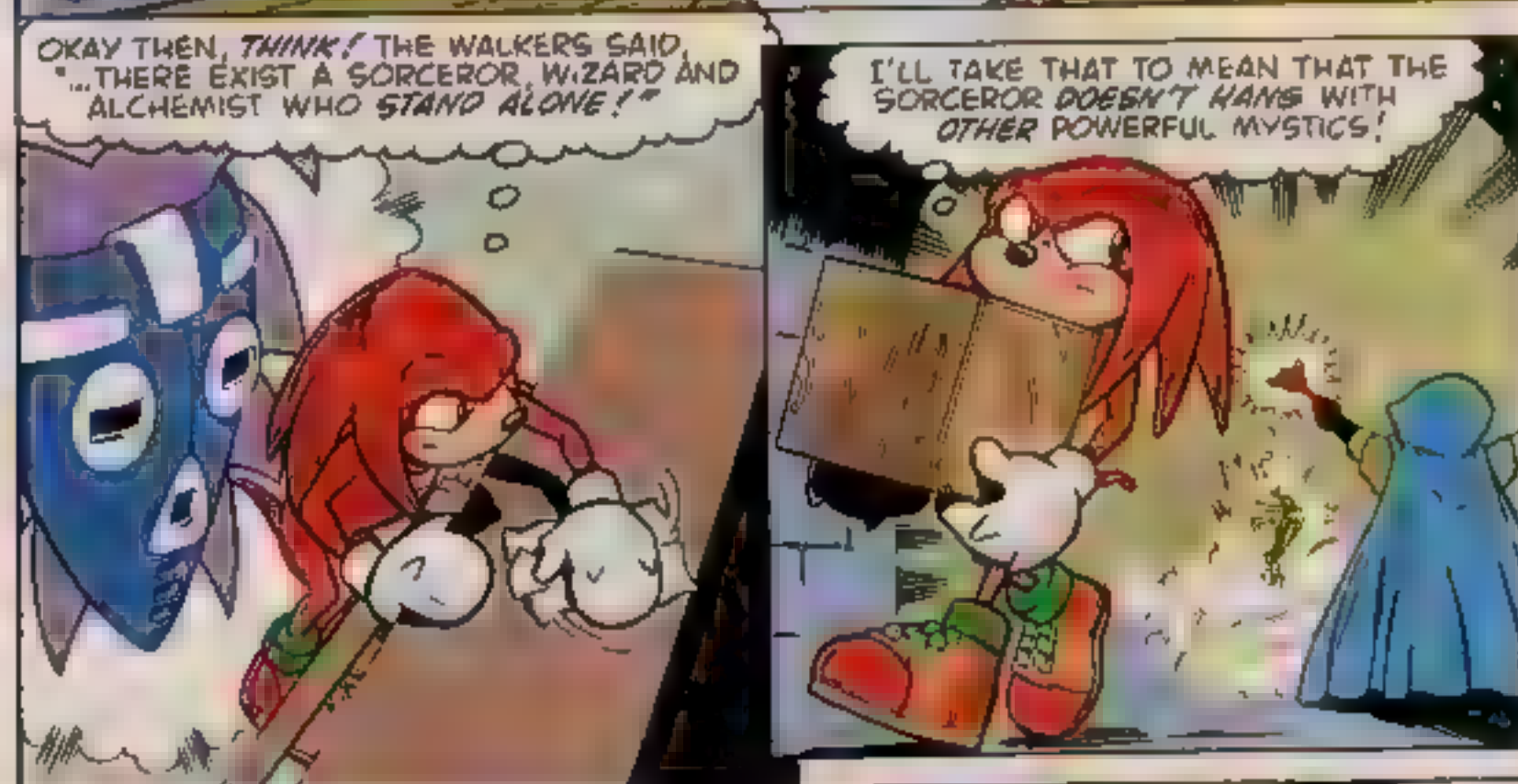




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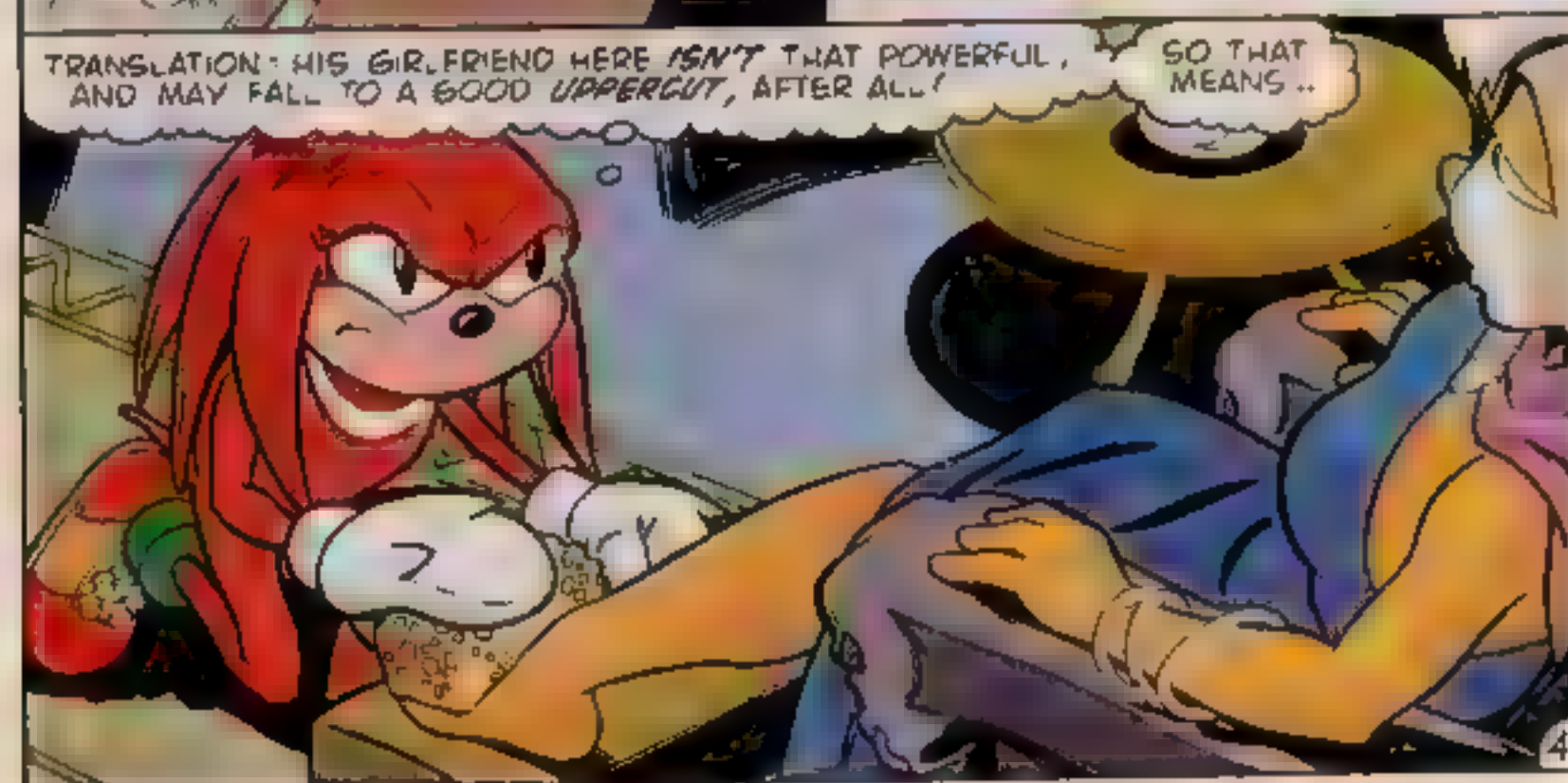
STILL CAN'T OVER-
COME HER SPELL!

THIS IS ONE BATTLE THAT'S
NOT SO EASY TO FIGHT!



OKAY THEN, THINK! THE WALKERS SAID,
"...THERE EXIST A SORCEROR, WIZARD AND
ALCHEMIST WHO STAND ALONE!"

I'LL TAKE THAT TO MEAN THAT THE
SORCEROR DOESN'T HAVE WITH
OTHER POWERFUL MYSTICS!



TRANSLATION: HIS GIRLFRIEND HERE ISN'T THAT POWERFUL,
AND MAY FALL TO A GOOD UPPERCUT, AFTER ALL!

SO THAT
MEANS...

STAY CALM! OKAY-- "A CHARLATAN, ENCHANTRESS AND PALADIN WITH FAIRNESS AND COURAGE THOU MUST FACE WITH PATIENCE AND FORTITUDE A BLADE OF STEEL THOU MAY EMBRACE!"

I'VE FACED A CHARLATAN, I'M FACING THE ENCHANTRESS, I DON'T SEE A PALADIN-- FORCING ME TO JUST BE PATIENT!

THROUGH SHEER STRENGTH OF WILL THE UNYIELDING ECHIDNA PASSES ON, PERFORMING MENIAL TASK AFTER MENIAL TASK, THE HOURS TURNING INTO DAYS...

WITH VIRTUALLY ALL HOPE GONE AND DESPERATION DESCENDING, AS F BY DIVINE RIGHT HIS FAITH OF PERSISTENCE IS REAFFIRMED!

WHAT'S THAT?!

RRRIIIMBOMBLE

IT SOUNDS LIKE A STAMPEDE OF HORSES! (5)

WHAT HO, VARLETS! DID YOU
THINK TO FOREVER ESCAPE THE
JUDGEMENT OF SIR CONNERY,
THE MIGHTY CAUSADER!

OR THAT THIS EVIL
WITCH'S GAZE COULD
OVERCOME MY SWORD
OF JUSTICE?!

SKA-RASH!

BEWARE!
IT IS THAT
FANATICAL
PALADIN!

THE WAITING
GAME PAID OFF!
I'M FREE!

THIS GUY'S ONSLAUGHT DISTRACTED THE
ENCHANTRESS, BREAKING HER MENTAL MUZZLE!

NOW IT'S
FINALLY
TIME FOR--

ACTION
CITY!!

BOY DOES
THAT FEEL
GOOD!

WHAM!

YOU DARE TO PIT PHYSICAL
MIGHT AGAINST THE SORCERESS
POWER OF BLACK DEATH?!



TIME TO USE MY
MOODLE AGAIN, AND I
THINK I KNOW HOW!

YOU SEEK TO
ESCAPE WITH
MY OWN
TALISMAN?

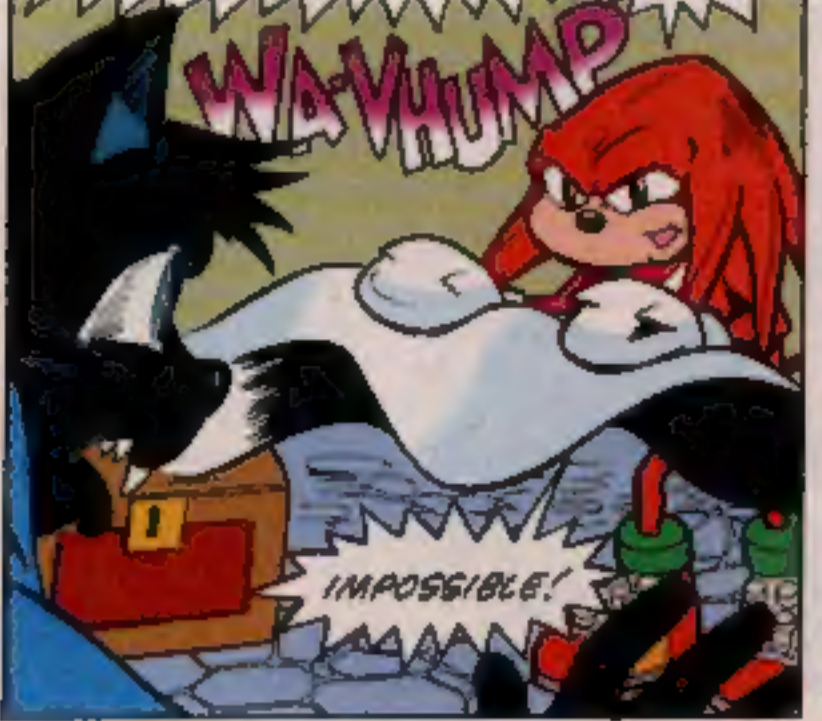
NOPE! MAKING SURE
SURE YOU DON'T USE THESE
THINGS AGAINST ME!

WITNESS ECHIDNA MAGIC
AND SAY GOODBYE TO
YOUR TOYS!

SHANELA-
ZUMBEE--



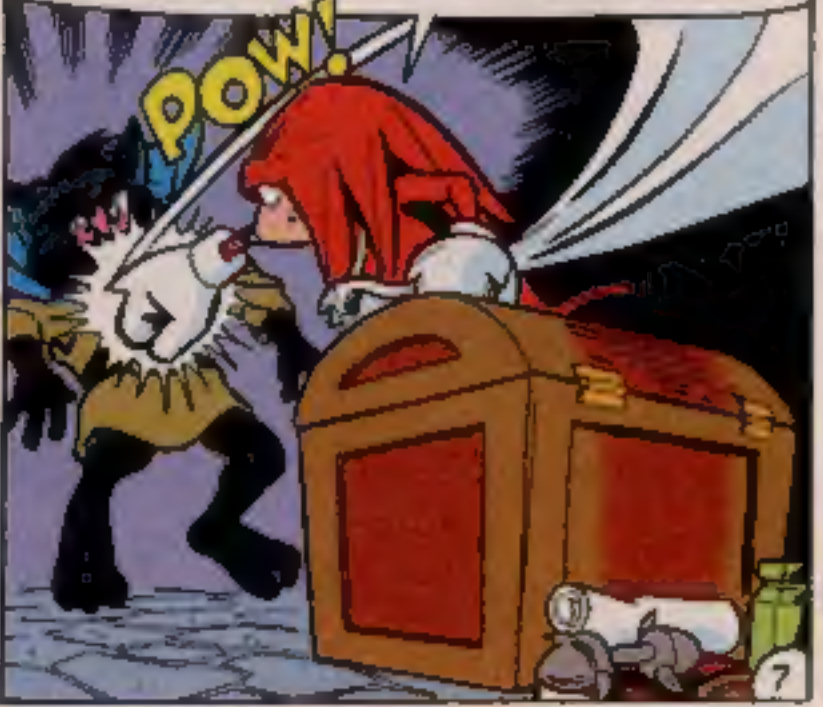
--TO THE LAND OF GUMBEE! POOF!



WAVHUMP

IMPOSSIBLE!

HOW'S THAT FOR A LITTLE SLEIGHT OF HAND
TO DIVERT YOU FROM THE STAB OF THE JAB?!



POW!

AFTER SECURING THE PRISONERS, INTRODUCTIONS AND EXPLANATIONS ARE MADE...

--AND I LEFT MY POST IN KING ACORN'S ROYAL GUARD WHEN THE CALL CAME UPON ME TO PURGE BLACK MAGIC FROM ALL THE REALMS!

WHAT ABOUT YOUR SWORD? IS IT THE KING'S?

NO, IT WAS GIVEN TO ME BY MY PATRON DIETIES, THE ANCIENT WALKERS!

HEY! SINCE I'M THEIR NUMBER ONE BOY WHY DON'T YOU JOIN ME?

I CANNOT! MY SWORN OATH DEMANDS THE TOTAL PURGING OF EVIL MAGICIANS BEFORE I JOURNEY THE NEXT LEG OF MY HOLY CRUSADE!

BUT I CAN TELL YOU THIS--LOCATE THE EVIL MATHIAS POB AND DAMOCLES THE ELDER AND YOU MAY FIND THAT WHICH YOU SEEK!

AND WHERE DO THEY HANG THEIR HATS?

LOOK NOT TO THE CAVERN FILLED WITH CHAOS, BUT TO THE FLOATING ISLAND'S OTHER CAVERNS FILLED WITH CHAOS!

SOUNDS LIKE ANOTHER GOOSE CHASE, BUT AT LEAST I WON'T HAVE TO TRAVEL FAR!

WELL, WHATEVER IT TAKES, I'LL FIND THAT SWORD!

KNUCKLES' QUEST CONCLUDES NEXT ISSUE! DON'T MISS IT!

SONIC-GRAMS

THIS JUST IN!

J. Freddy Gubrie
Editor

A reminder that this month is the debut of

"KNUCKLES: THE DARK LEGION" a new three-issue mini-series! When a technological army known only as **The Dark Legion** invades **The Floating Island**, it's up to **Knuckles** and **The Chaotix** to find out what they're up to. Just what is the **Dark Legion**? And what does it have to do with **Knuckles'** past, present and future? More revelations will be made on the mysterious history of the **Echidnas**, including **Knuckles'** lineage as **"Guardian of the Floating Island!"** **Bonus:** All three covers combine to make one big image! Collect all three!

Also next month ...in **SONIC #46:** **Princess Sally** takes **The Freedom Fighter** team out camping to reflect on recent events. What was to be some time for rest and relaxation quickly turns into heated confrontations concerning each other's loyalty! **Geoffrey St. John** along with **Lupe** and **The Wolfpack** (from the animated series) make a special appearance. Don't miss this one as it sets us up for the awesome roller-coaster ride of **"END GAME!"** the four-part story that will lead us into **Sonic's** 50th anniversary issue! Don't say I didn't warn you.

FREDDY

Dear Sonic-Grams,

It happened when I saw the cover. It was more than my mind could comprehend! Little did I know that the masterpiece of a cover to **SONIC #39** was just the beginning. I was treated to a **Mike Gallagher** story with beautiful illustrations by **Spaz** with the assistance of the **Bri-guy**! The whole thing was so #S@! good that I had to sit and have a good cry to help me realize that such marvels exist out of heaven. The comics have now surpassed anything the cartoon ever did (and that ain't just suck-

ing up, either)! My favorite thing about **Spaz** is his frequent references to other Sega-related games. I recall seeing **The Chaotix**, the **Saturn** logo, and **Akira** in issue #25. In issue #39, I spotted a **Virtual On** calendar, a **Bug!** poster, a **Guardian Heroes** poster, and a **Panzer Dragoon II: Zwei** poster.

I have to agree with **Brian Edwards**. Even though they don't make **Sega CD** games anymore, it's still worth the price just to play **Sonic CD**! The soundtrack in that was easily the best music ever created by man

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(much credit to Spencer Nilsen), which is why I'm really excited about Sonic 3-D Blast this year and Sonic X-Treme next year. One last thing: the almighty creator of Sonic, Yuji Naka, has made another game... "Nights" for the Saturn is said by some to be better than Sonic. I find that hard to swallow, but one way or another this game will go down in video game history, and I think you should have a comic special about it. Don't ever stop making Sonic comics!

Sonic-cerely,
Jared Matte
Church Point, LA

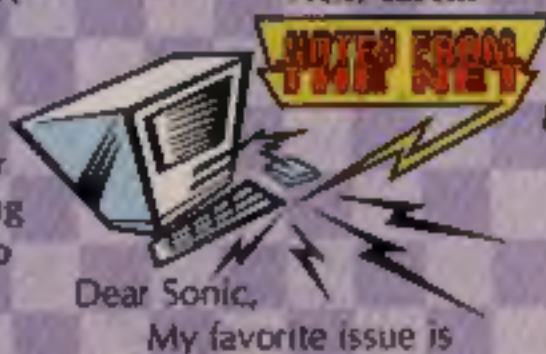
Dear Sonic
and the creators,

I loved the "MECHA MADNESS" 48-page Special. I have to say you looked awesome in that robot form! Another thing, Sonic, you're being way too inconsiderate to my man Knux. He did save some Freedom

Fighter butts. Don't hate him. He's cool like you. Sorry about that treason thing. I hope you get Nack the Weasel for me. And does Sally really like Knuckles a lot? But back to the comic, I really liked the plot and the art. Very cool!!!

Justin Barrett
Brooklyn, NY

What's doing, J-sters (Jared & Justin)? Glad to hear "The Mecha Madness" story-line got two thumbs up. As awesome as I looked being Mecha-Sonic, I didn't feel awesome at all. And as for Sally liking Knuckles, she better not! Especially when she's got a cool blue dude like me around! Next case...



SONIC #39! Spaz is such a terrific artist! I also like all the specials. They're cool. If any other net-surfers are out there, don't be shy, come and visit us online! You can chat with other fans, download cool art, learn about your favorite characters and even see some new ones found only in Japan! Currently, I don't have a home page but you can E-mail me. See you later, Hedgehog fans!

Ruby the Echidna
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What's so cool about echidnas these days? Hedgehogs are way cooler! "Ruby the Hedgehog"... I like the sound of that! Remember, net-surfers, all messages considered for "Note From The Net" must say so in your subject heading and E-mailed to: Benny7dude@aol.com. Hasta la vista, misters and sisters!

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